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Masters of the Skies... The BLACKHAWKS!

THE FAME OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIME FIGHTERS HAS PENETRATED TO EVERY CORNER OF THE GLOBE! NO CONSPIRACY OF EVIL IS TOO GREAT OR TOO POWERFUL FOR THE BLACKHAWKS TO SMASH!

BUT CAN EVEN THE FIGHTING SKILL OF THE FABLED DARK KNIGHTS SOLVE THE SINISTER SECRET OF THE MYSTERIOUS

DEATH PATROL?

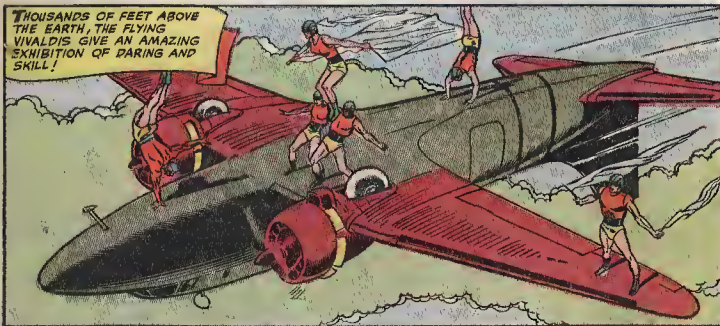
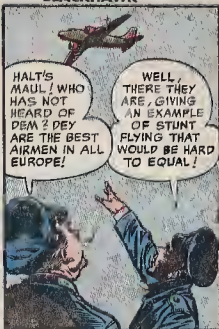
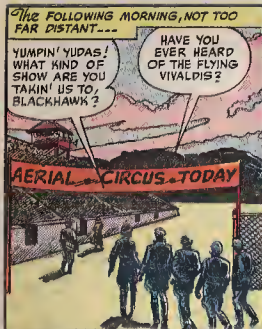
THROUGH THE NIGHT ROARS A GIANT PASSENGER PLANE WHILE STARK DISASTER LOOMS AHEAD—

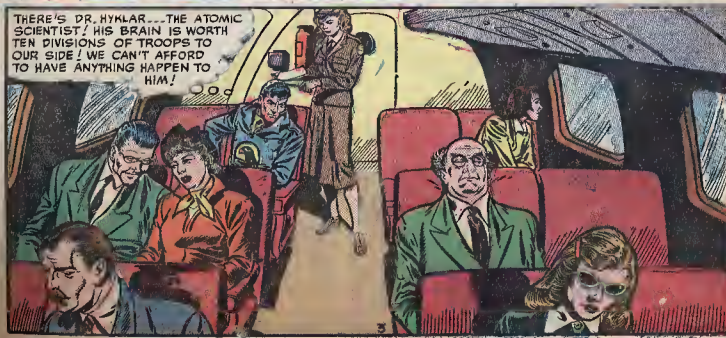
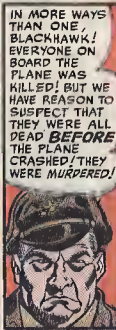


BUT THERE IS NO LIVING SOUL TO WARN OF DANGER! AT THE CONTROLS, DEAD MEN STARE WITH SIGHTLESS EYES!



BLACKHAWK





ATTENTION, BLACKHAWKS! HOLD FORMATION AND FOLLOW AT A DISTANCE OF FIFTY MILES. IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG, I'LL SIGNAL!



ROGAIR, BLACKHAWK! WE WEEEL PLAY ZE GAME OF HARE AND HOUNDS! AND I 'OPE ZE HARE FALLS INTO OUR TRAP!



NIGHT FALLS, AND THERE IS ONLY THE STEADY THUNDER OF THE PLANE'S ENGINES WINGING ACROSS THE OCEAN!

EVERYONE'S DOZING OFF! IF THERE'S A SPY ABOARD, HE'LL STRIKE N---
WHAT'S THAT?

THUNK!



THOSE MEN! THEY LANDED **ON** THE PLANE!



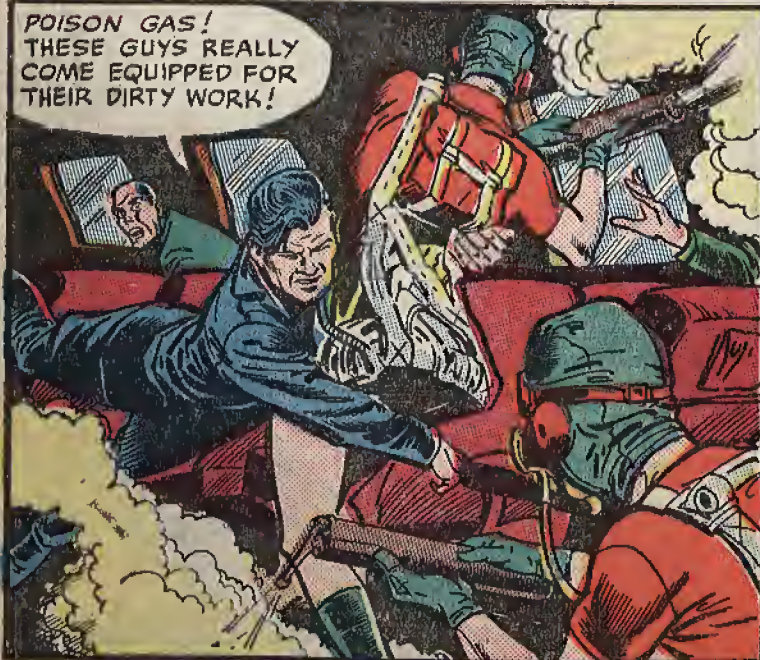
THAT'S THE ANSWER! THERE AREN'T ANY SPIES ON BOARD! THEY JUST HITCH A RIDE BEFORE THEY STRIKE!



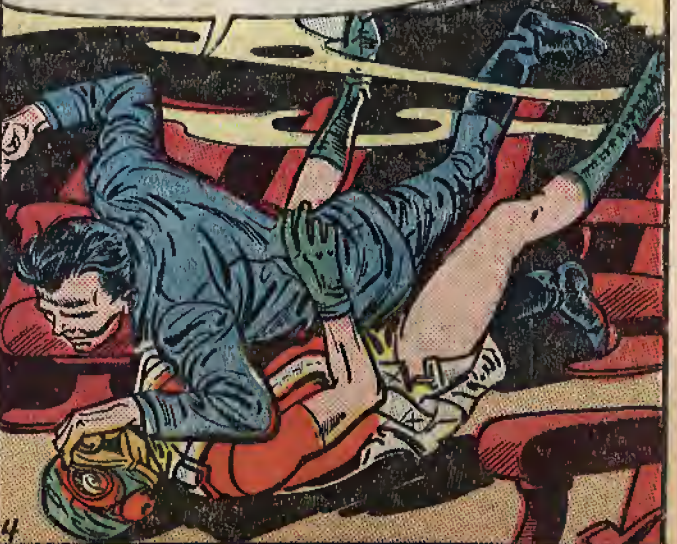
BUT THIS TIME THEY'LL GET A **WARM** RECEPTION!



POISON GAS! THESE GUYS REALLY COME EQUIPPED FOR THEIR DIRTY WORK!



EVEN IF SOME BODIES WERE THROWN CLEAR OF THE WRECKAGE, THAT GAS WOULDN'T LEAVE ANY MARK OF HOW THEY DIED!





THIS IS HYKLAR!
TAKE HIM ALIVE!

UHHHH!



YOU DEVILS! I'LL...
OHHH!

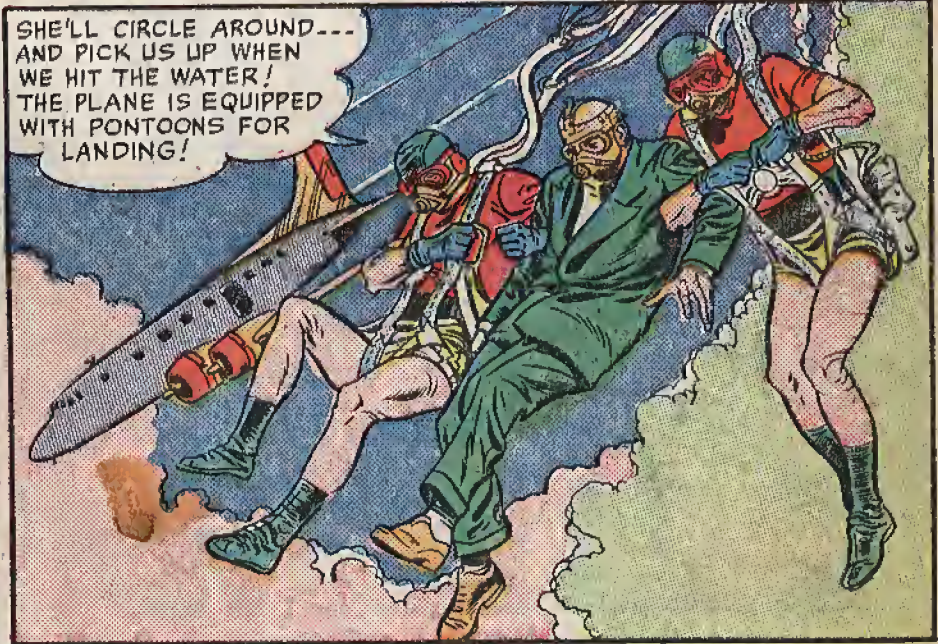


THE GAS DIS-
POSED OF
BLACKHAWK!
UNFORTUNATELY,
HE GOT SERGEI
TOO!

TIME FOR US
TO BE LEAVING!
THE PLANE
HAS STARTED
ITS DESCENT!



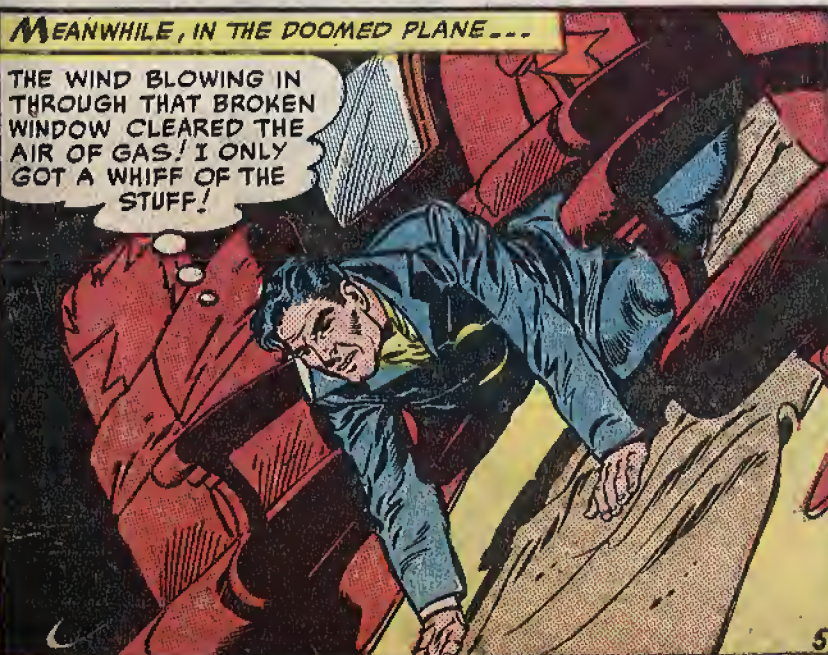
AMORA IS WAITING FOR US!
JUMP AWAY!



SHE'LL CIRCLE AROUND...
AND PICK US UP WHEN
WE HIT THE WATER!
THE PLANE IS EQUIPPED
WITH PONTOONS FOR
LANDING!

MEANWHILE, IN THE DOOMED PLANE...

THE WIND BLOWING IN
THROUGH THAT BROKEN
WINDOW CLEARED THE
AIR OF GAS! I ONLY
GOT A WHIFF OF THE
STUFF!



BUT IT WON'T MATTER MUCH...
UNLESS I CAN PULL OUT OF
THIS DIVE! I'LL BE JUST AS
DEAD AS THESE POOR
CHAPS!



BLACKHAWK



WE'RE FALLING LIKE A ROCK! GOT TO PULL OUT OF IT SLOWLY--- OR I'LL CRUMPLE THE WINGS!



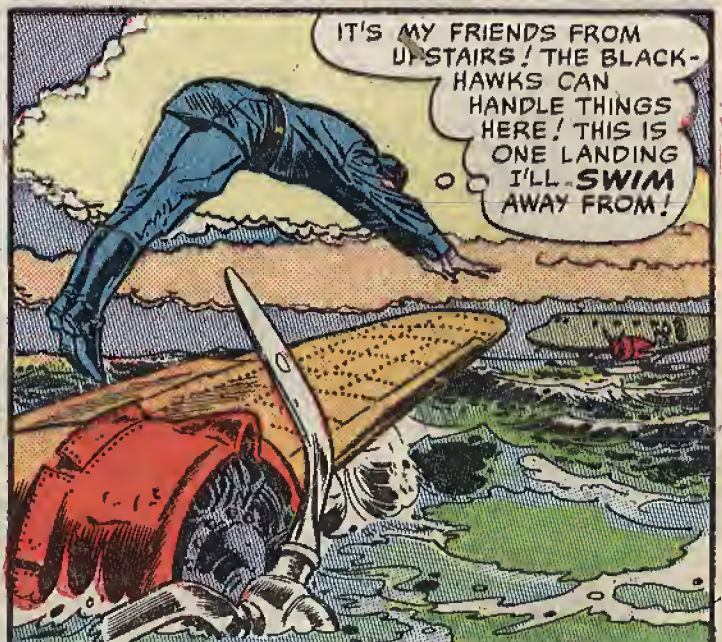
BUT I CAN'T GO TOO SLOW...OR I'LL DIG A HOLE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE ATLANTIC! HERE IT COMES!



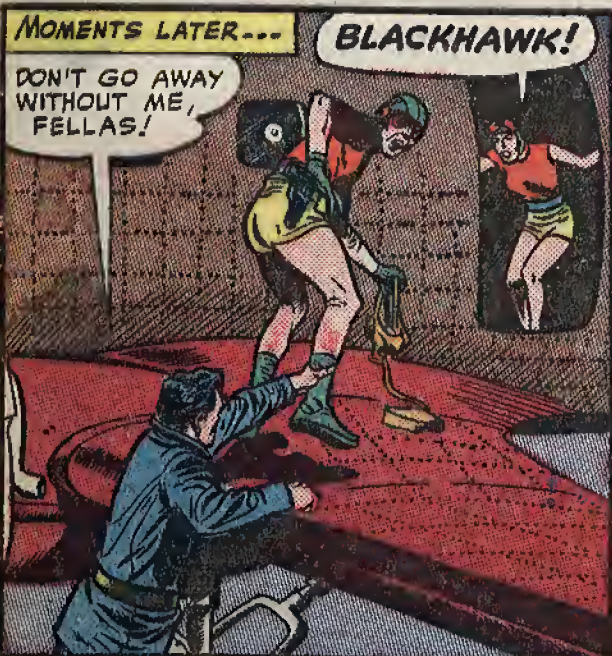
WELL, AS THE MAN SAID---IT'S A GOOD LANDING IF YOU CAN WALK AWAY FROM IT!



THE PLANE WILL STAY AFLOAT UNTIL THE BLACKHAWKS ARRIVE! I'LL SIGNAL THEM AND---UH---OH! WHAT'S THAT?



IT'S MY FRIENDS FROM UPSTAIRS! THE BLACKHAWKS CAN HANDLE THINGS HERE! THIS IS ONE LANDING I'LL SWIM AWAY FROM!



MOMENTS LATER---

BLACKHAWK!

DON'T GO AWAY WITHOUT ME, FELLAS!



MY FISTS HAVE BEEN ACHING FOR A CHANCE TO MEET YOU AGAIN!

UHHH!

GET HIM!

BLACKHAWK



THEY'RE HAVING **SUCH** A HARD TIME CARRYING OUT YOUR ORDERS!



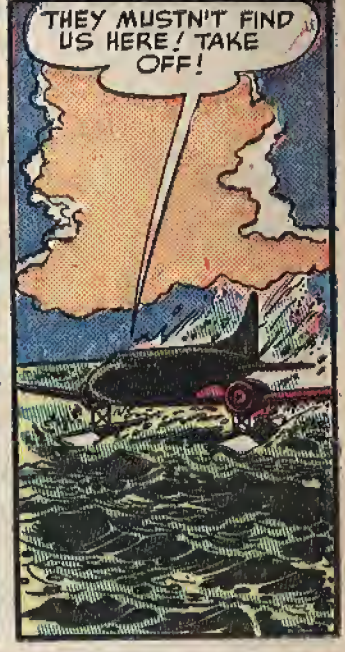
THEN I SHALL HAVE TO CARRY THEM OUT... MYSELF!

OHHH!



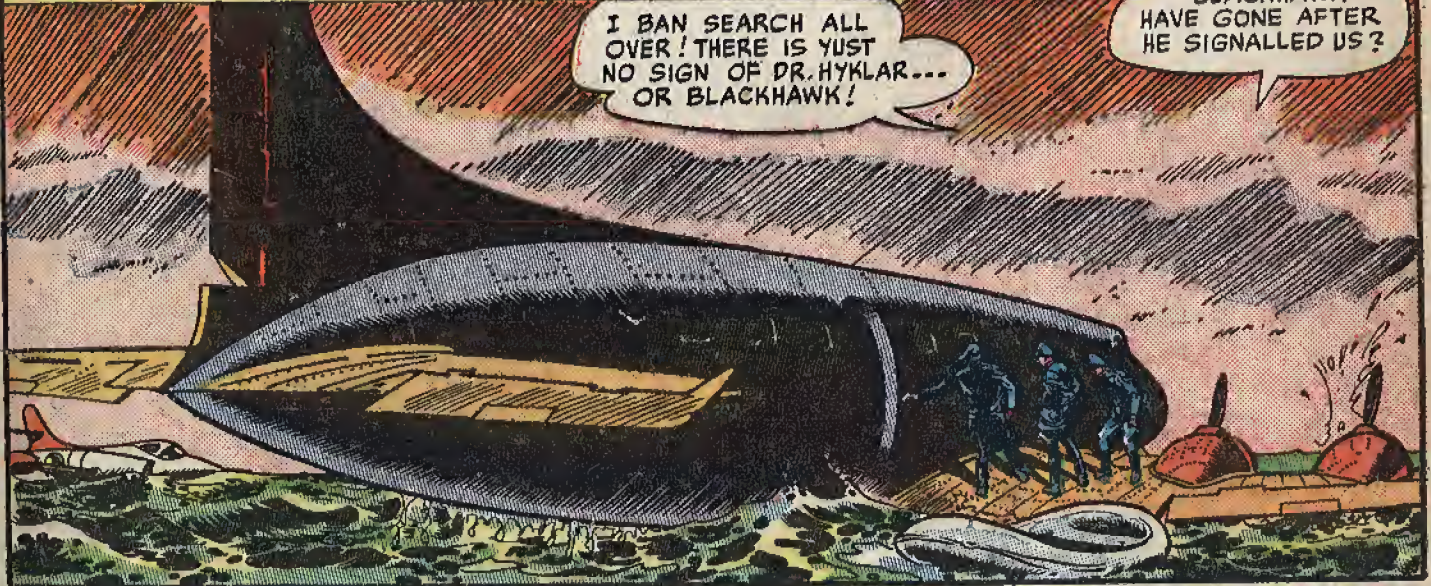
SHALL I FINISH HIM NOW, AMORA?

LISTEN! I HEAR PLANE MOTORS APPROACHING!



THEY MUSTN'T FIND US HERE! TAKE OFF!

MOMENTS LATER, WHEN THE BLACKHAWKS ARRIVE AT THE SITE OF THE SINKING PLANE ---



I CAN SEARCH ALL OVER! THERE IS YET NO SIGN OF DR. HYKLAR... OR BLACKHAWK!

WHERE COULD BLACKHAWK HAVE GONE AFTER HE SIGNALLED US?



DONNERWETTER! DIS FELLOW WAS NO PASSENGER ON DER PLANE!

HE IS STILL WEARING PART OF A GAS-MASK THAT WAS RIPPED OFF HIM!



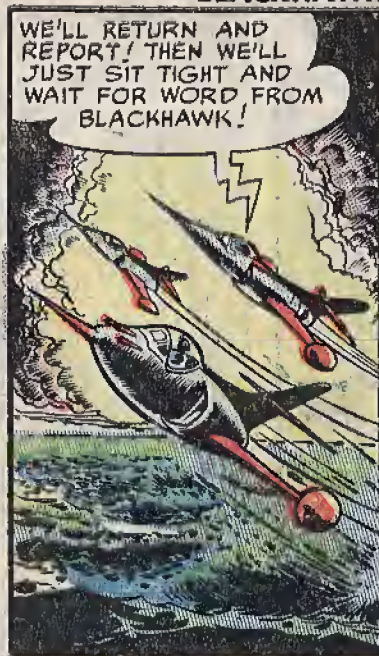
AND LOOK WHAT HE WAS CARRYING!

SACRE! A PORTABLE GAS-THROWER! ZAT IS HOW ZE OZZERS WERE MURDERED!

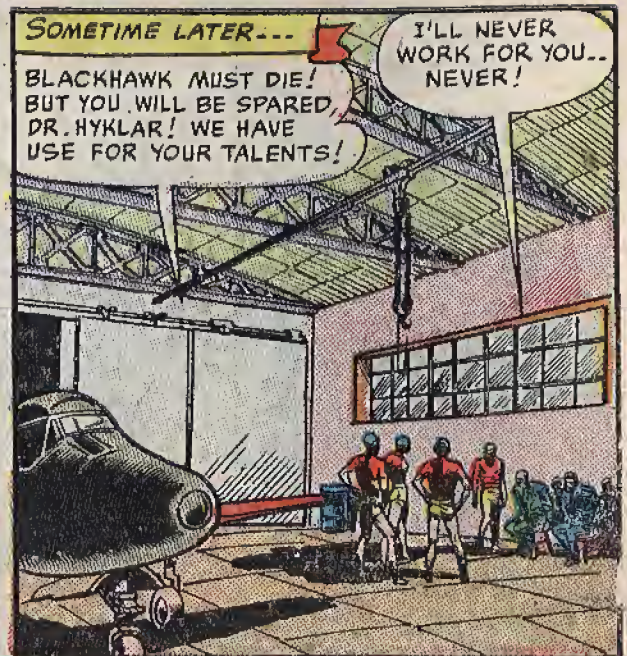


NOW WE
KNOW THE
ANSWERS TO
EVERYTHING...
EXCEPT WHERE
TO FIND BLACK-
HAWK!

WE CANNOT
STAY HERE,
MES AMIS!
ZIS PLANE
WEEL NOT
STAY
AFLOAT
MORE THAN
A FEW
MINUTES!



WE'LL RETURN AND
REPORT! THEN WE'LL
JUST SIT TIGHT AND
WAIT FOR WORD FROM
BLACKHAWK!



SOMETIME LATER...

BLACKHAWK MUST DIE!
BUT YOU WILL BE SPARED,
DR. HYKLAR! WE HAVE
USE FOR YOUR TALENTS!

I'LL NEVER
WORK FOR YOU...
NEVER!

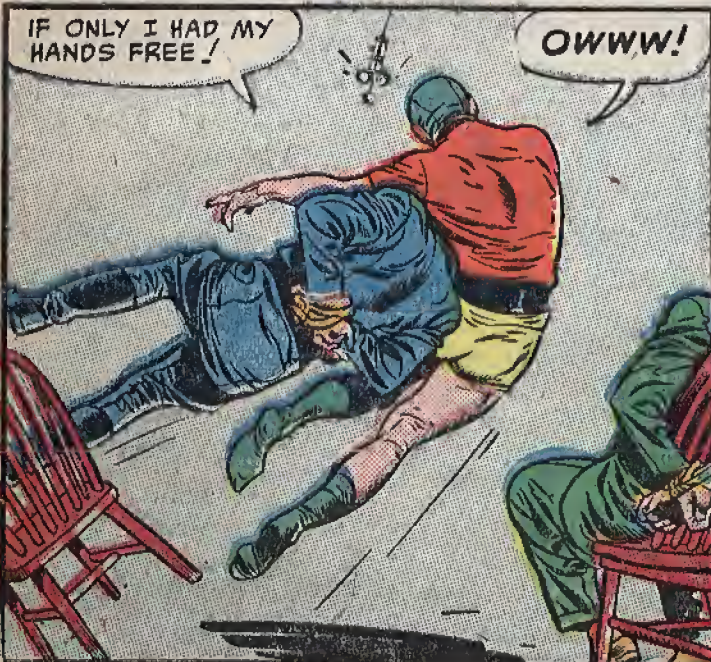


THERE ARE WAYS TO
PERSUADE YOU, DOCTOR!
MOST **INGENIOUS**
WAYS! THE SECRETS OF A
MAN'S INNERMOST MIND
CAN BE READ AS EASILY
AS A PRINTED PAGE!



YOU HAVE DOUBTLESS HEARD OF
SODIUM AMYTAL, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE TRUTH SERUM! IT PARALYZES
THE WILL, AND FORCES THE SUBJECT
TO ANSWER TRUTHFULLY
WHATEVER QUESTIONS
ARE PUT TO HIM!

DON'T TOUCH
HIM!



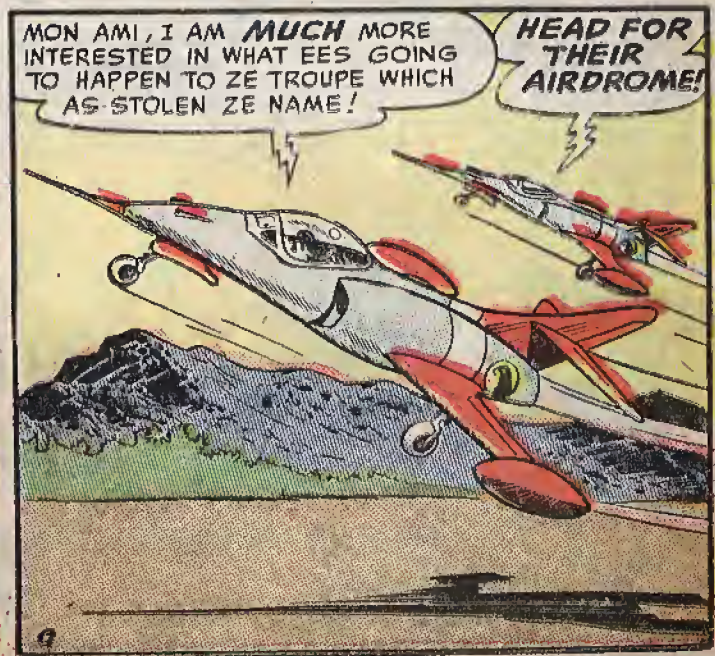
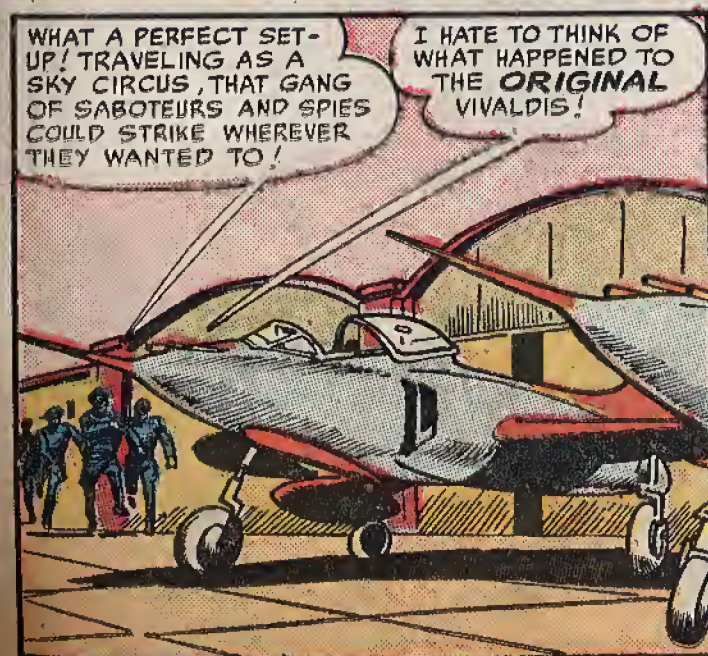
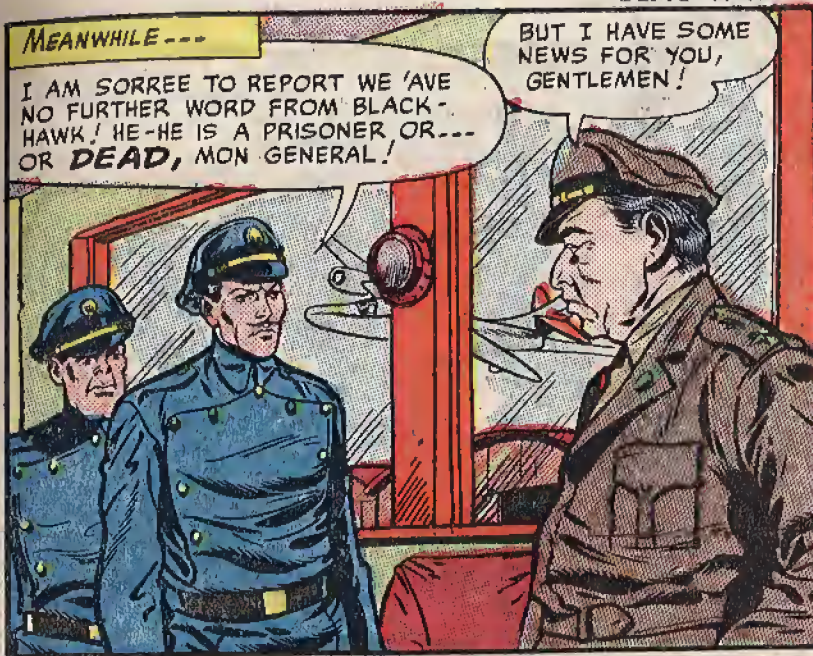
IF ONLY I HAD MY
HANDS FREE!

OWWW!

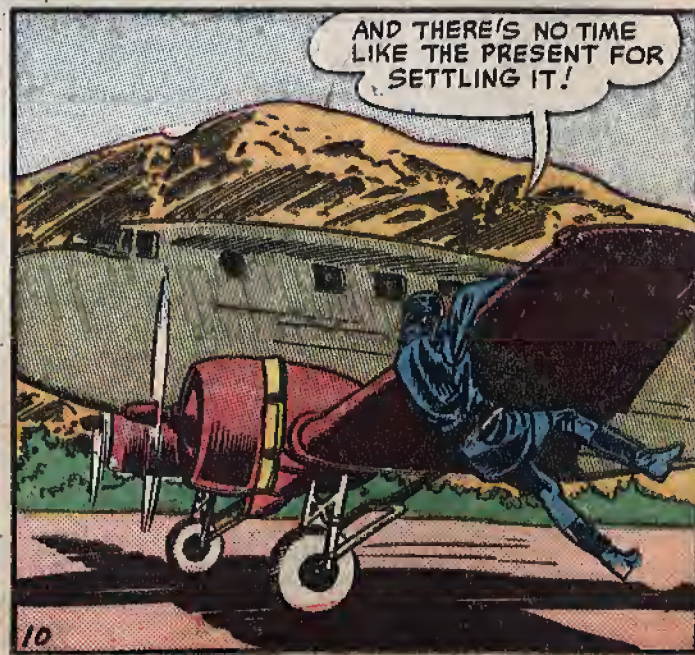
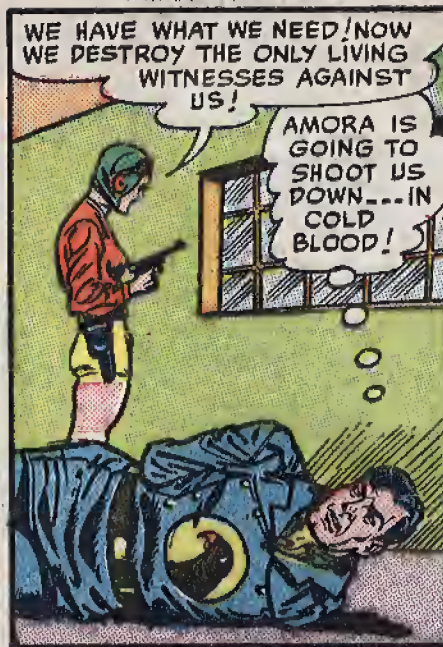
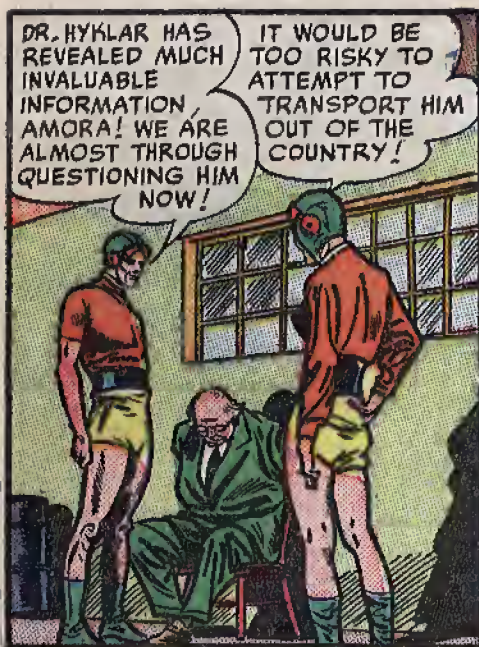


YOU ARE A DANGEROUS MAN, BLACKHAWK! WHEN
WE HAVE FINISHED WITH YOU, YOU WILL BE
WISHING FOR DEATH!

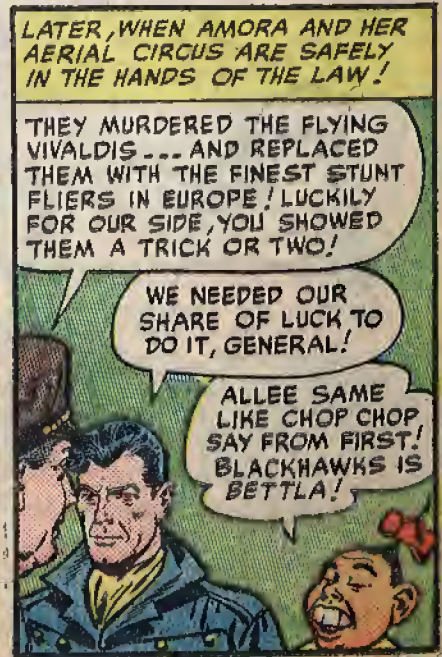
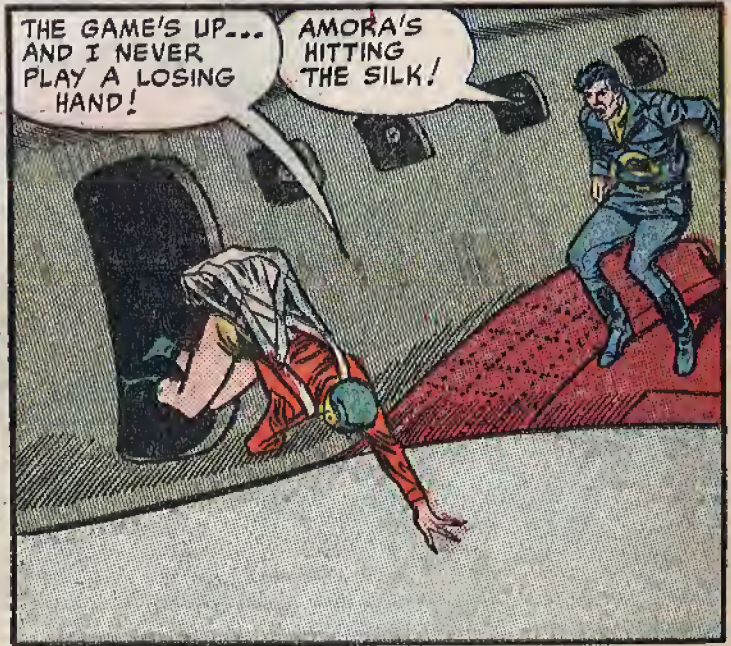
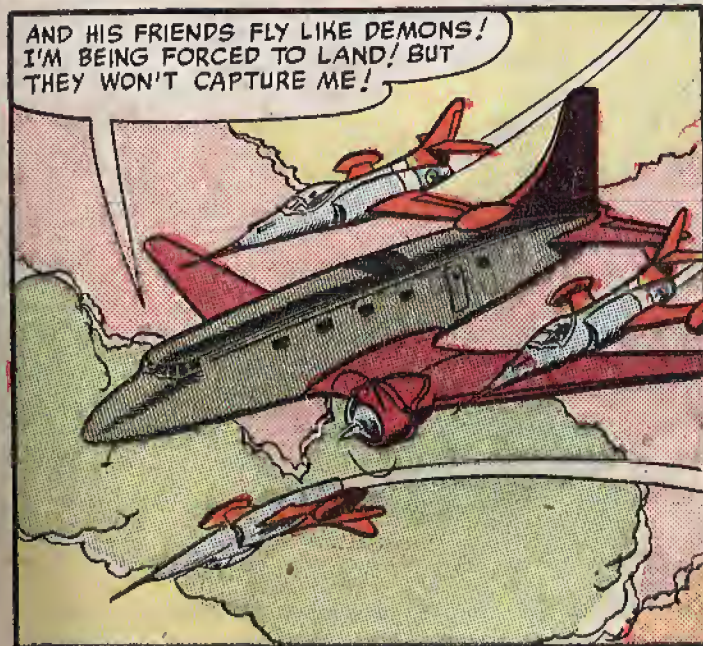
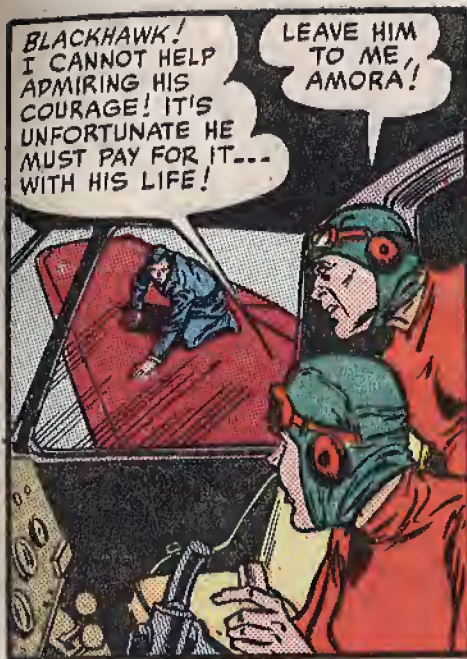
UHHHH!

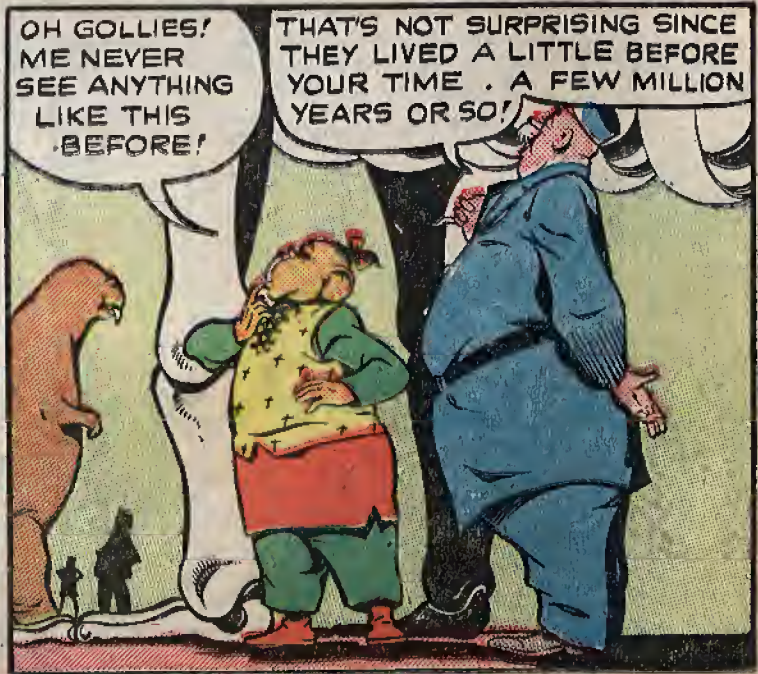


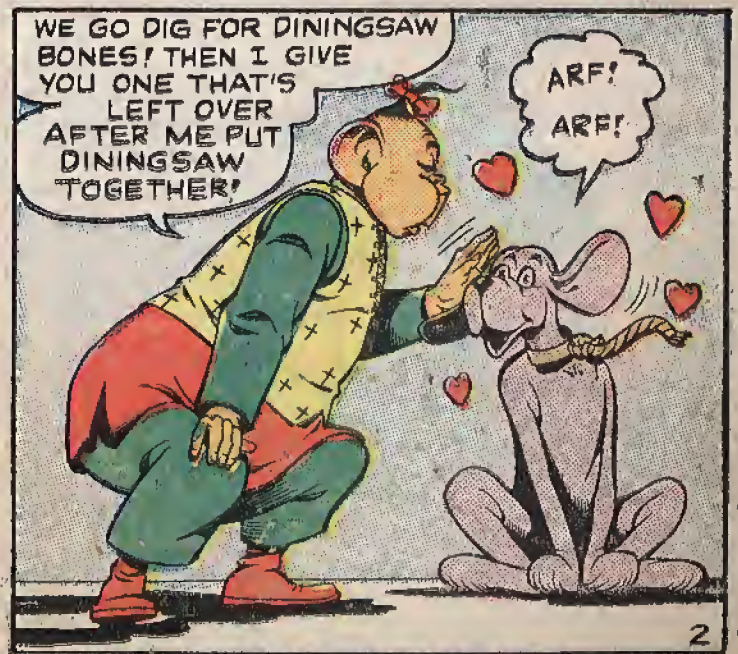
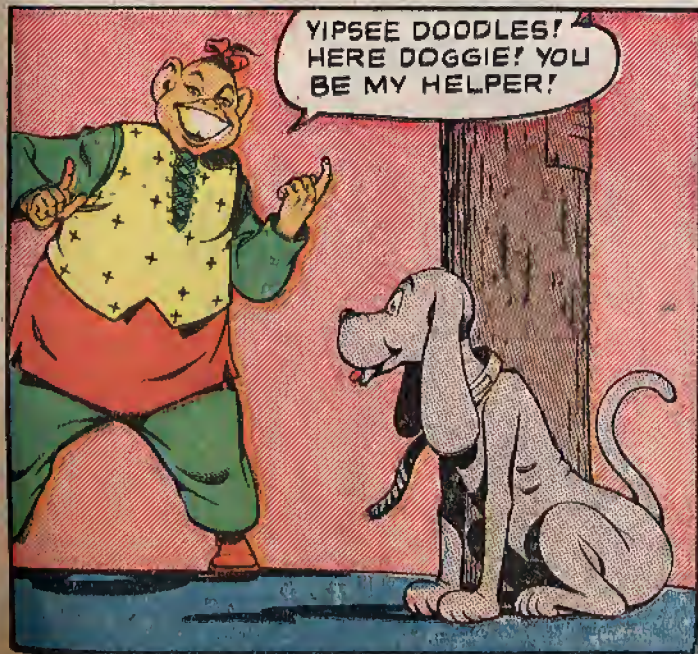
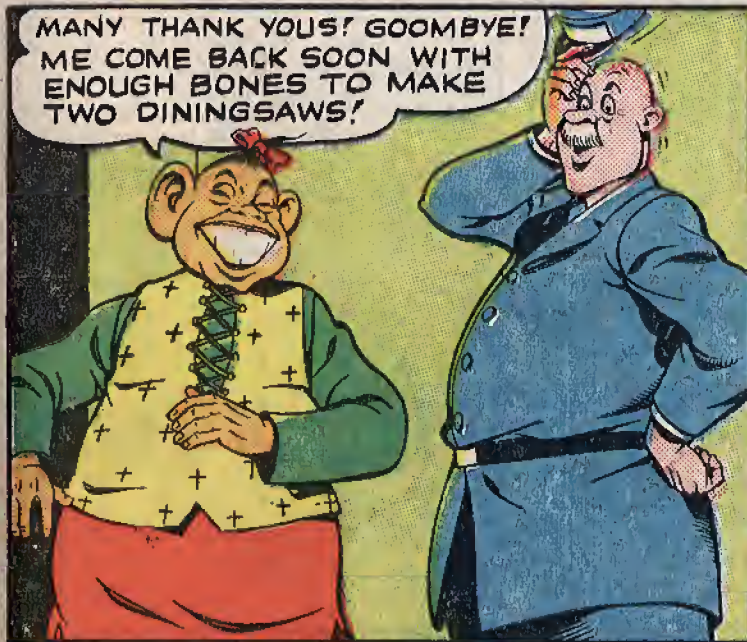
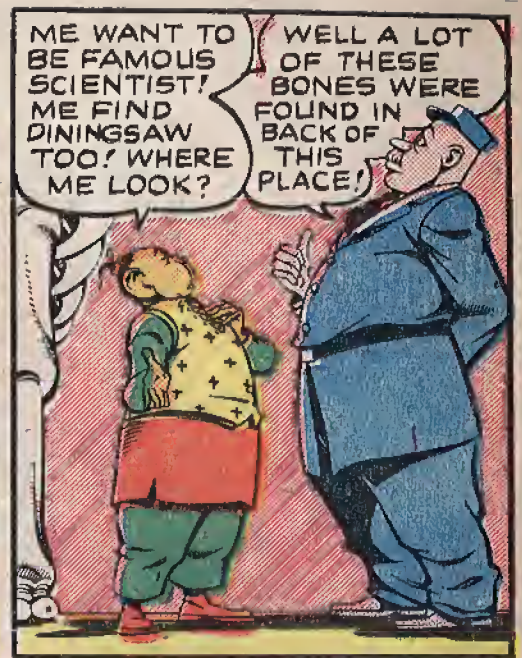
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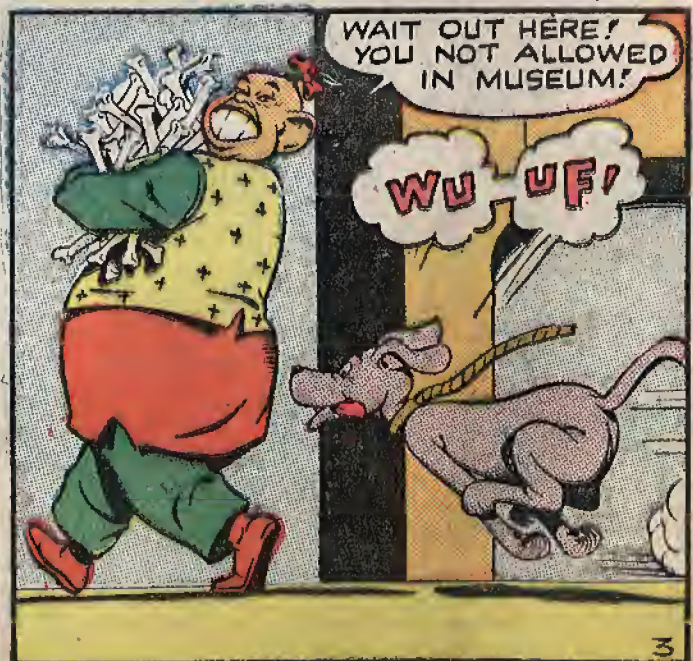
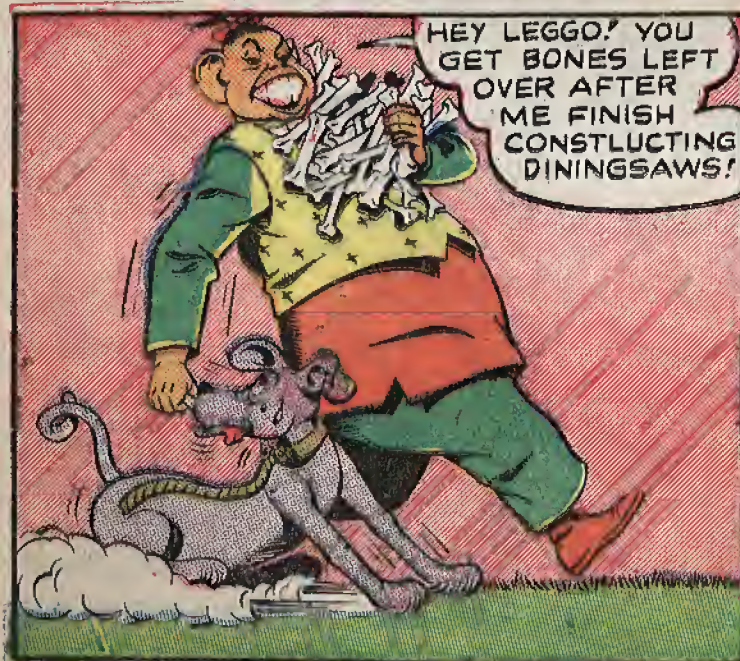
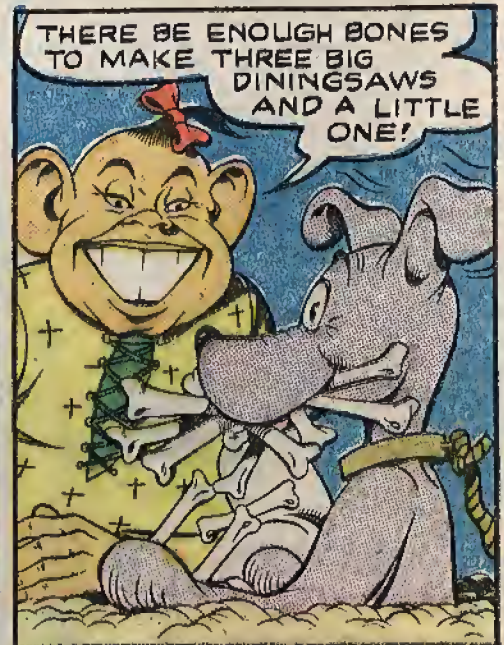
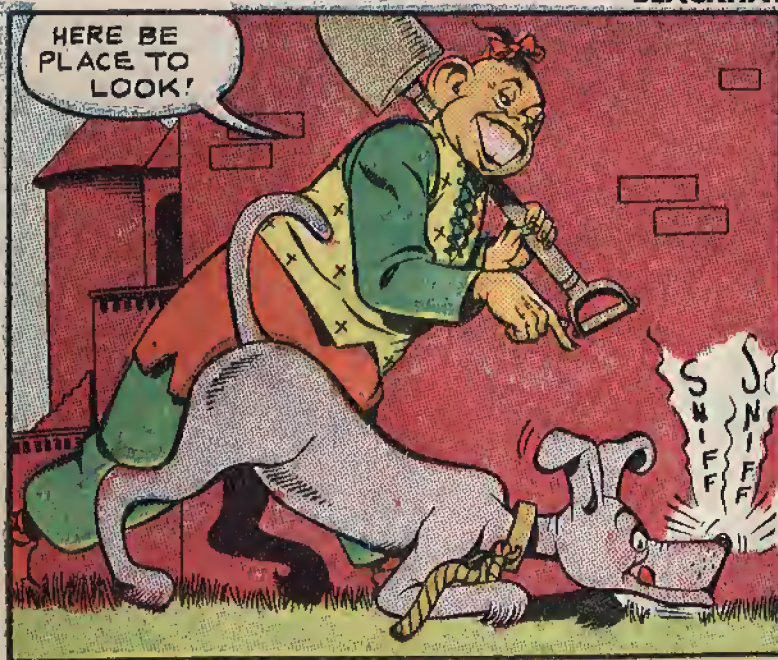


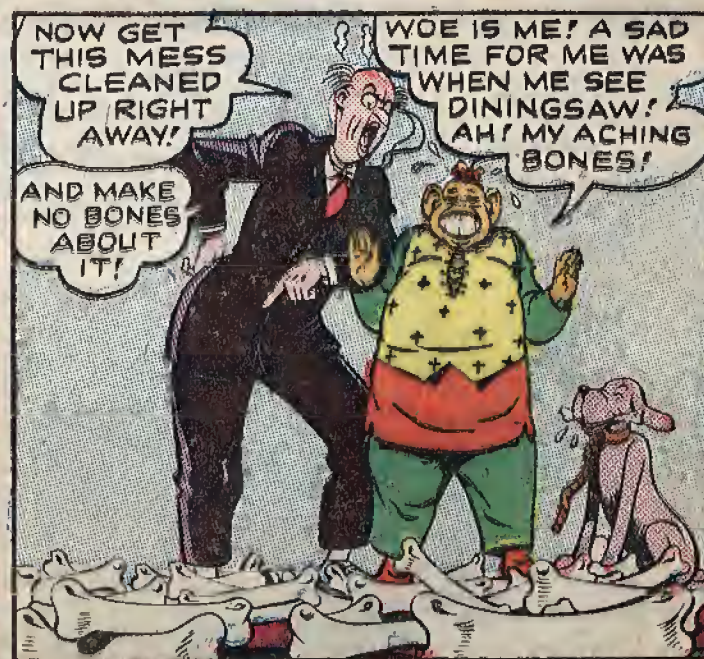
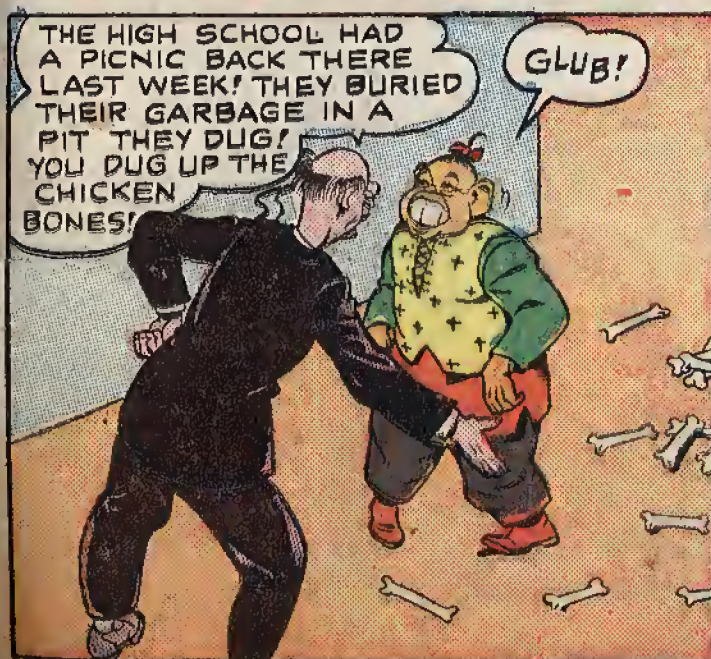
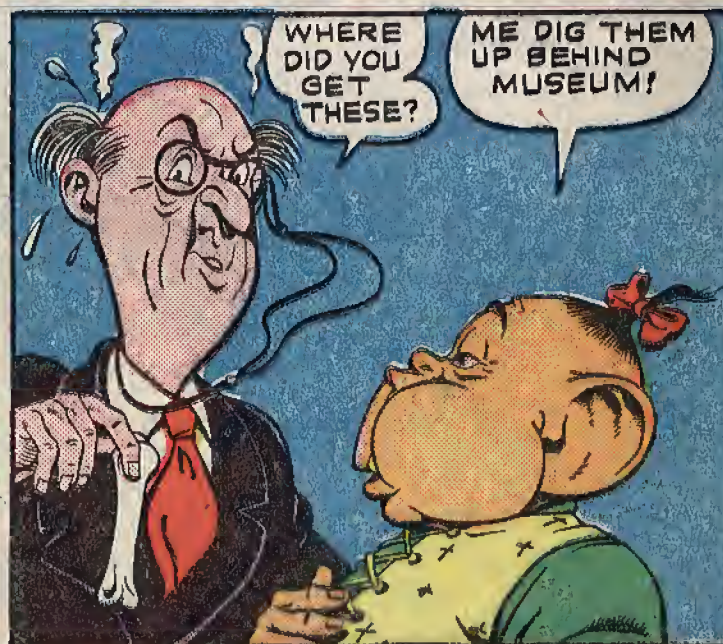
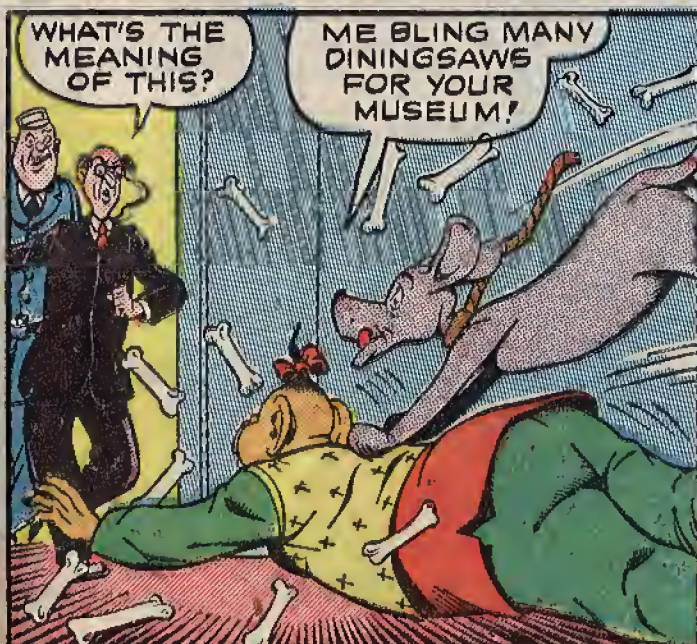
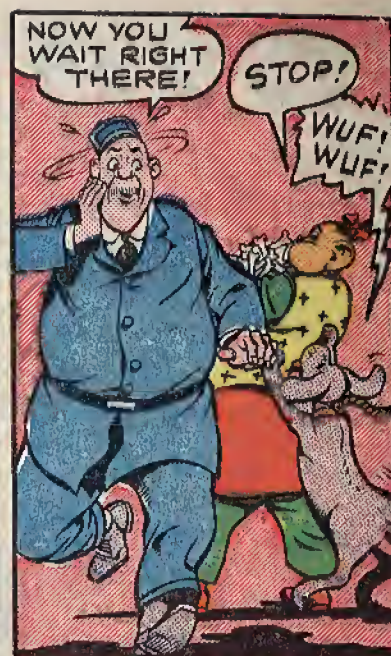
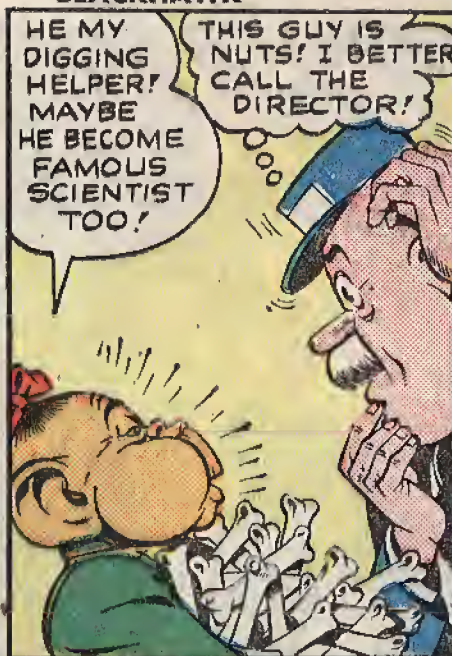
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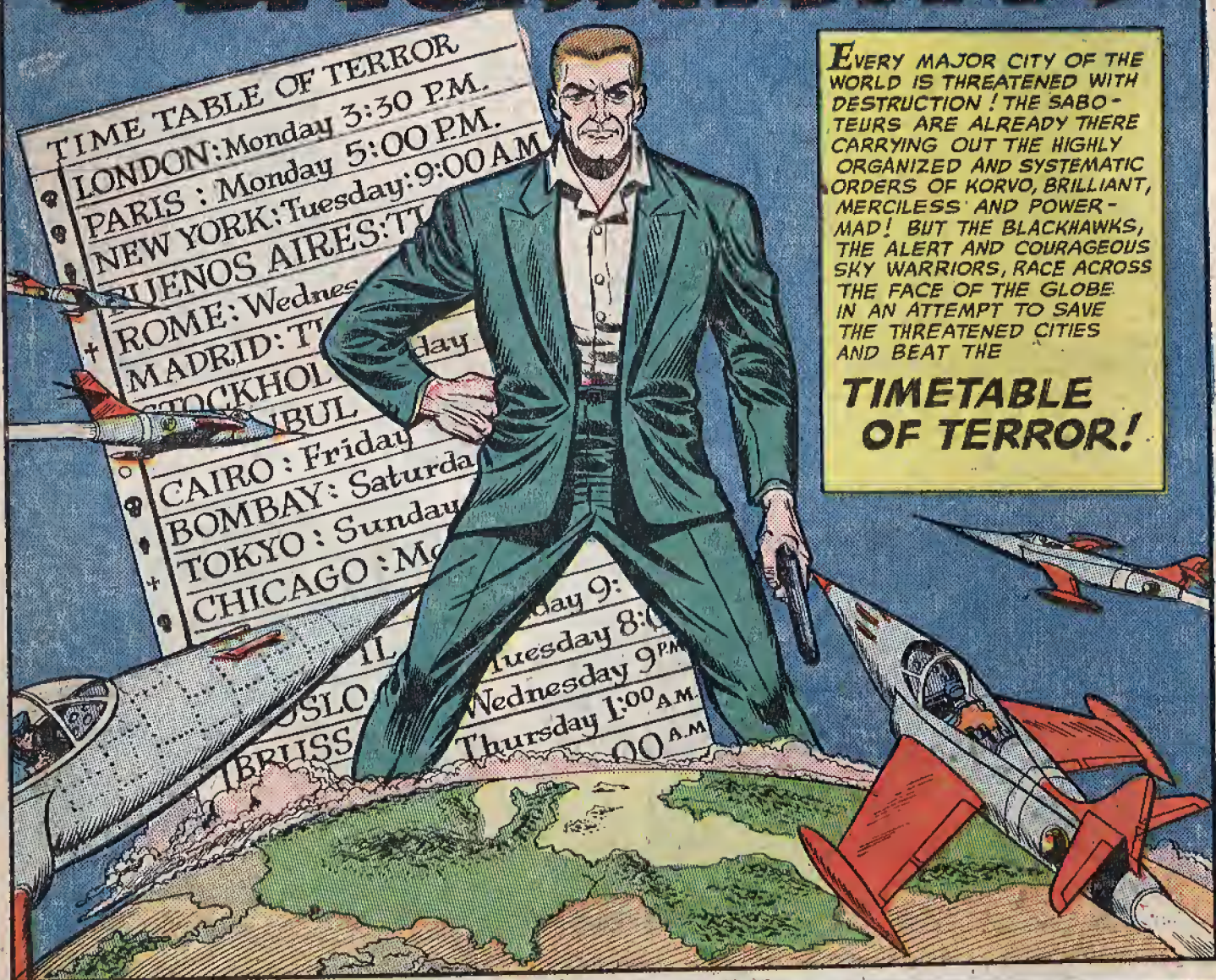








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EVERY MAJOR CITY OF THE WORLD IS THREATENED WITH DESTRUCTION! THE SABOTEURS ARE ALREADY THERE CARRYING OUT THE HIGHLY ORGANIZED AND SYSTEMATIC ORDERS OF KORVO, BRILLIANT, MERCILESS AND POWER-MAD! BUT THE BLACKHAWKS, THE ALERT AND COURAGEOUS SKY WARRIORS, RACE ACROSS THE FACE OF THE GLOBE IN AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE THE THREATENED CITIES AND BEAT THE

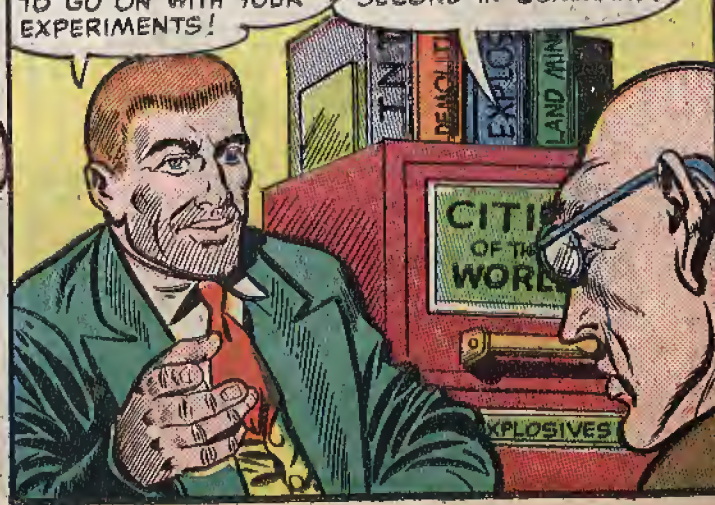
TIMETABLE OF TERROR!

IT IS ALL ARRANGED, TRAWN! WE BEGIN WITH LONDON ON MONDAY!

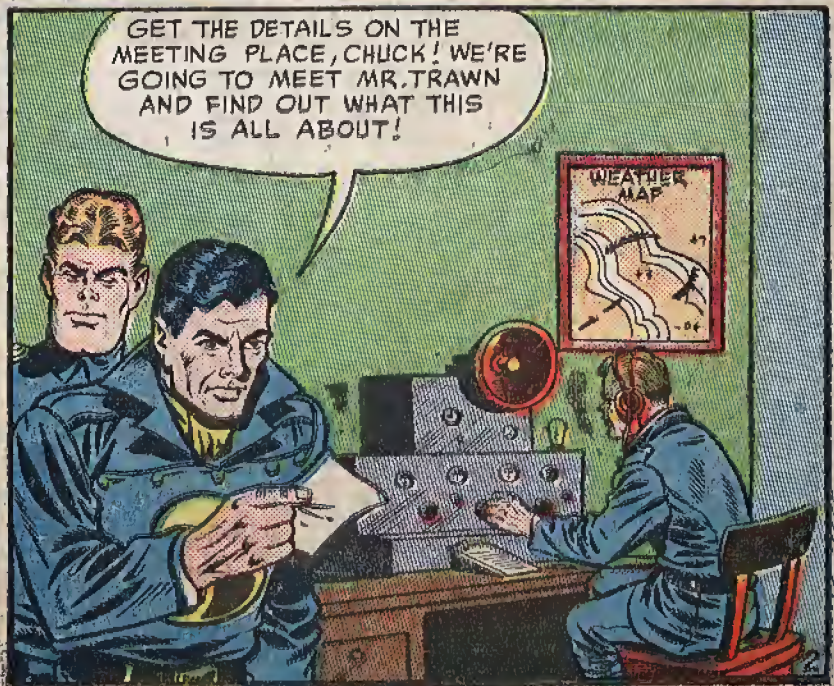
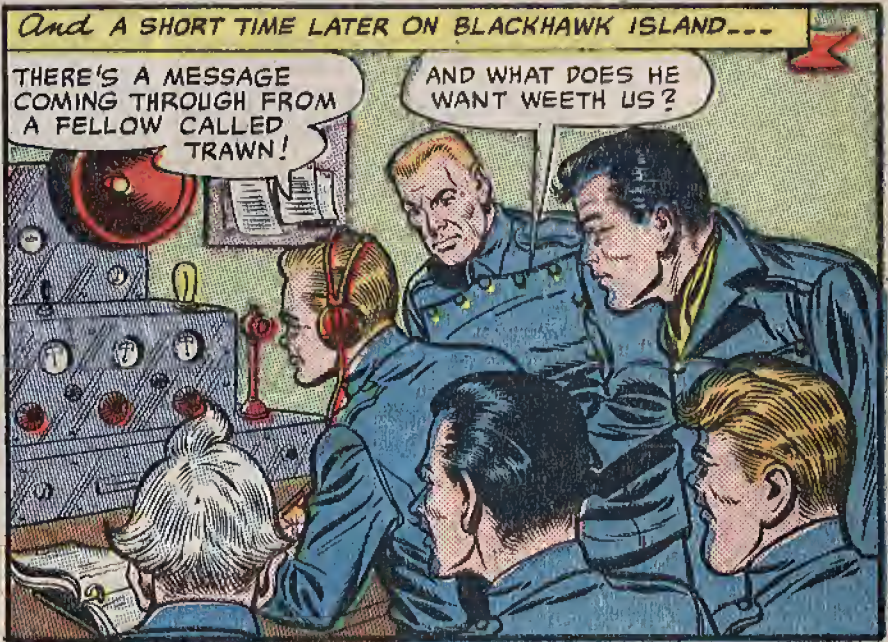
THAT IS GOOD, KORVO! I HAVE WORKED HARD AND LONG FOR THIS MOMENT!

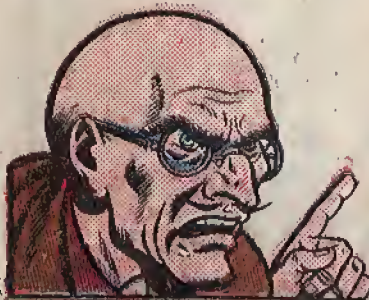
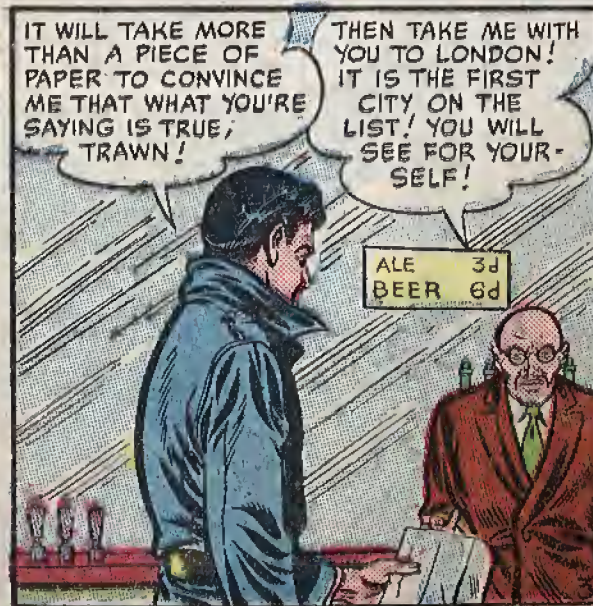
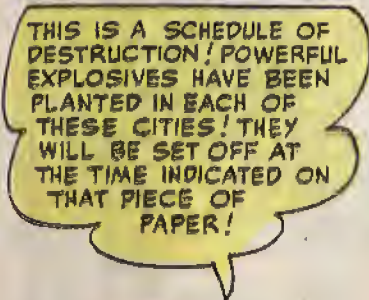
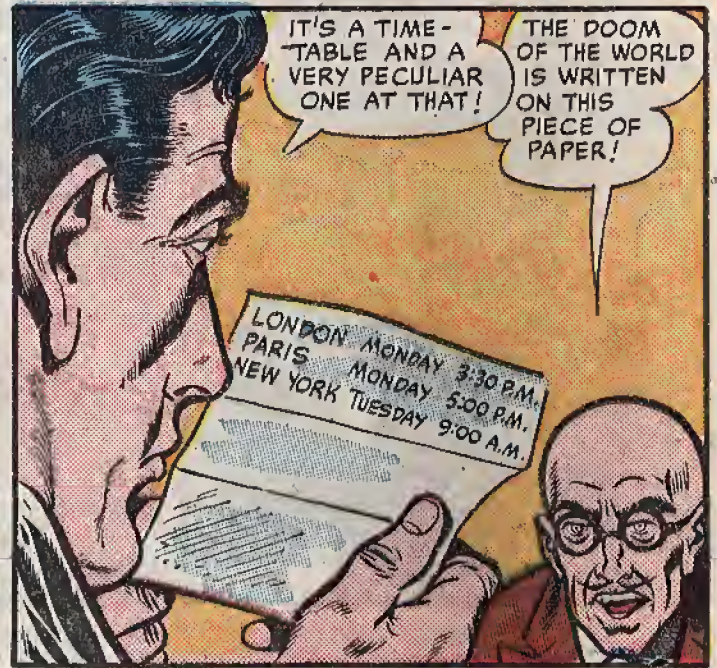
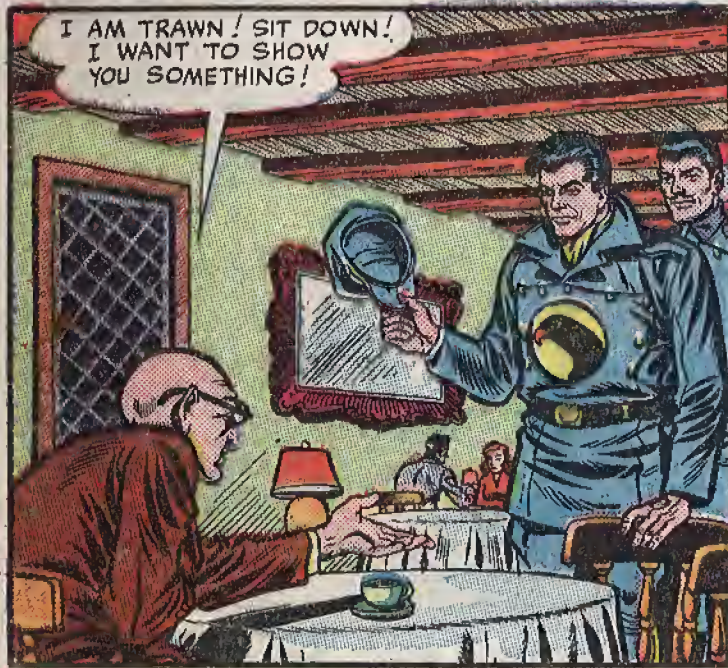
AND YOU SHALL BE REWARDED FOR YOUR WORK! YOU SHALL HAVE A GREAT LABORATORY TO GO ON WITH YOUR EXPERIMENTS!

BUT YOU PROMISED ME A HIGH PLACE IN YOUR ORGANIZATION! YOU SAID I WOULD BE SECOND IN COMMAND!



BLACKHAWK





AND SOON THE BLACKHAWKS ARE SPEEDING THROUGH THE SKIES TOWARDS LONDON...

WHY HAVE YOU REVEALED THIS MASTER PLAN TO US? HOW DO YOU FIT INTO THIS PICTURE?

I CANNOT EXPLAIN! IT IS A PERSONAL MATTER!



IF THIS IS A WILD GOOSE CHASE, TRAWN, I'M TURNING YOU OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES!

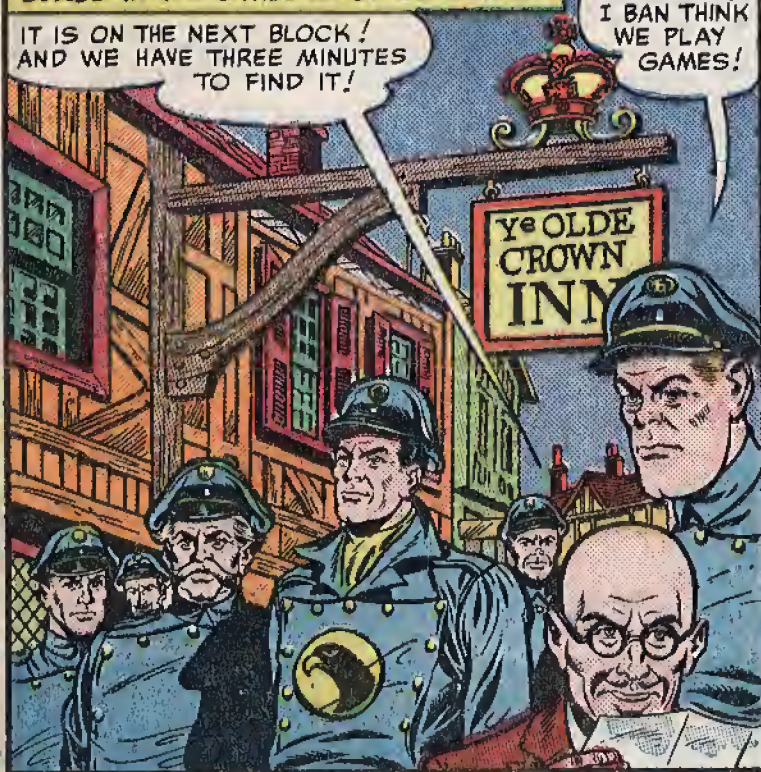
I HAVE SPOKEN THE TRUTH, BLACKHAWK! BUT HURRY, THE TIME IS SHORT!



And IN THE STREETS OF LONDON...

IT IS ON THE NEXT BLOCK! AND WE HAVE THREE MINUTES TO FIND IT!

BY YIMINY, I BAN THINK WE PLAY GAMES!



ME NOT UNDERSTAND WHY BLACK-HAWK BELIEVE THIS FELLOW TAWN!

AT LAST! HERE IT IS! I MUST DETONATE IT!

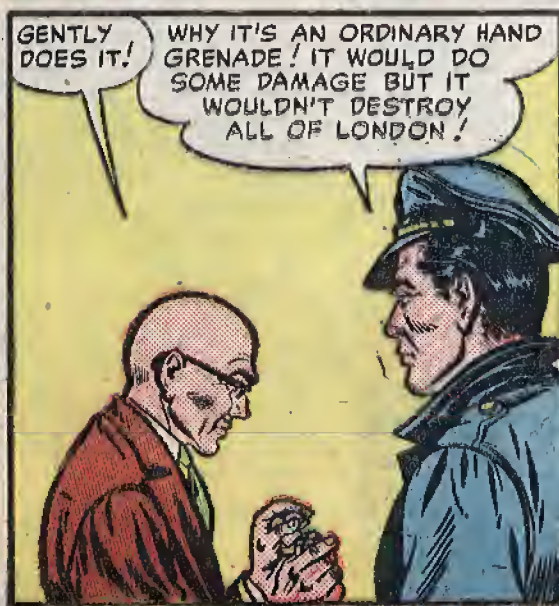


THANK GOODNESS! IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

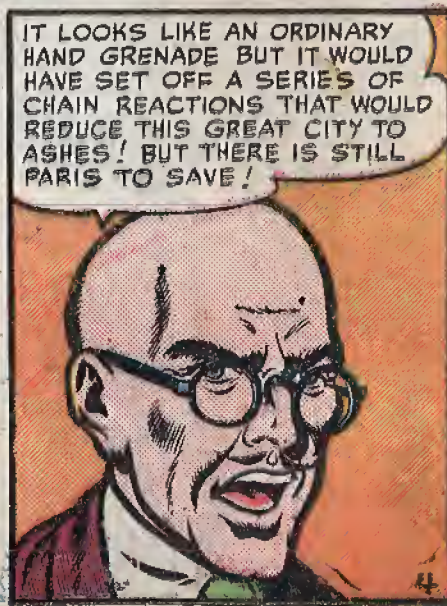


GENTLY DOES IT!

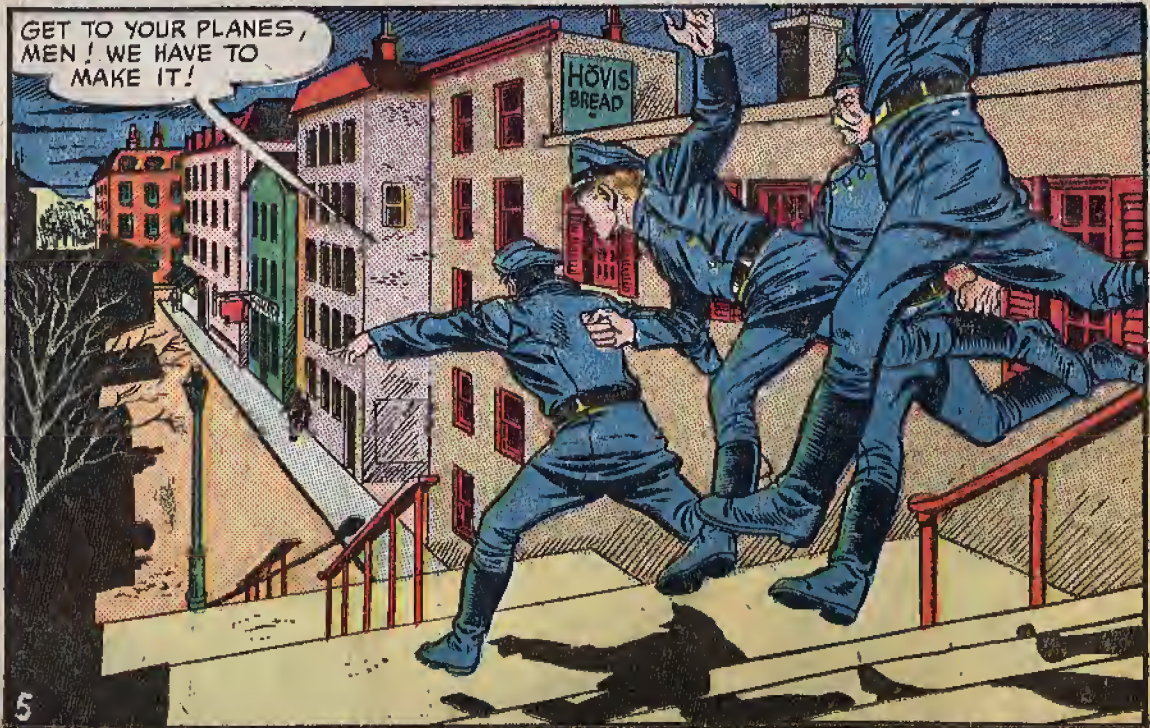
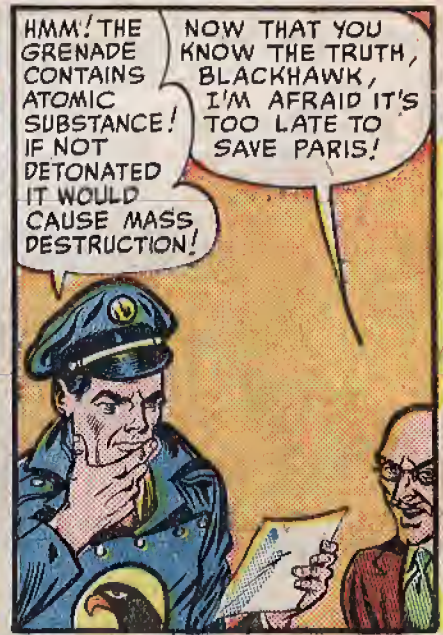
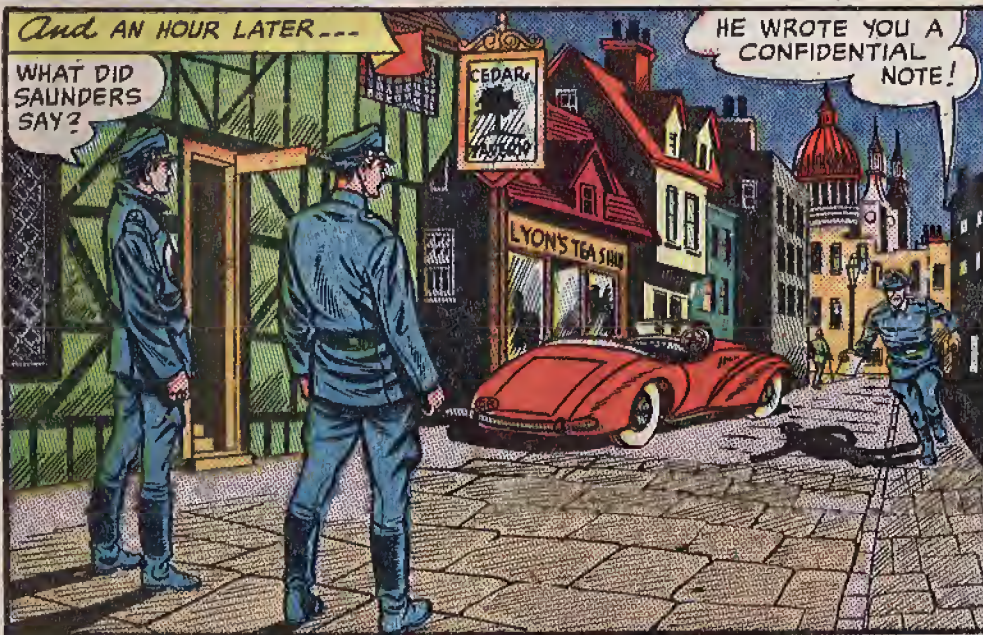
WHY IT'S AN ORDINARY HAND GRENADE! IT WOULD DO SOME DAMAGE BUT IT WOULDN'T DESTROY ALL OF LONDON!



IT LOOKS LIKE AN ORDINARY HAND GRENADE BUT IT WOULD HAVE SET OFF A SERIES OF CHAIN REACTIONS THAT WOULD REDUCE THIS GREAT CITY TO ASHES! BUT THERE IS STILL PARIS TO SAVE!



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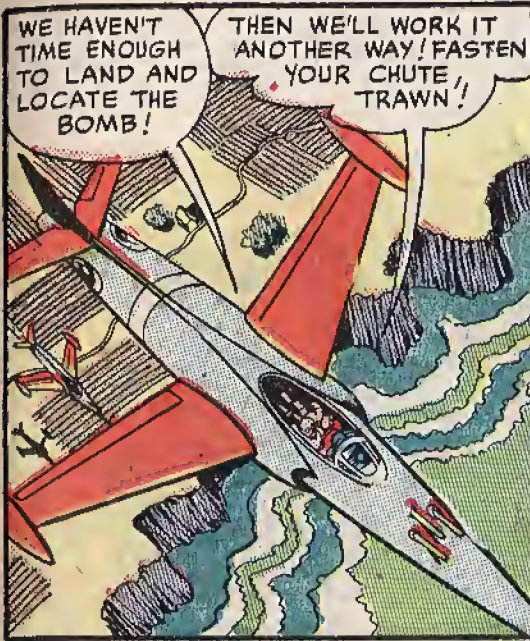


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WE HAVEN'T TIME ENOUGH TO LAND AND LOCATE THE BOMB!

THEN WE'LL WORK IT ANOTHER WAY! FASTEN YOUR CHUTE, TRAWN!

MEN, SET YOUR PLANES ON THE AUTOMATIC CONTROL AND HEAD THEM TOWARD THE PARIS AIRPORT! THEN GET READY TO JUMP!



I THINK WE CAN STILL MAKE IT! LEAD THE WAY, TRAWN!

IT'S NOT FAR FROM HERE, BLACKHAWK! LET'S GO!

IT'S KORVO'S MEN! THEY'RE GOING TO TRY TO STOP US!

THAT DOESN'T MEAN THEY'RE GOING TO SUCCEED!

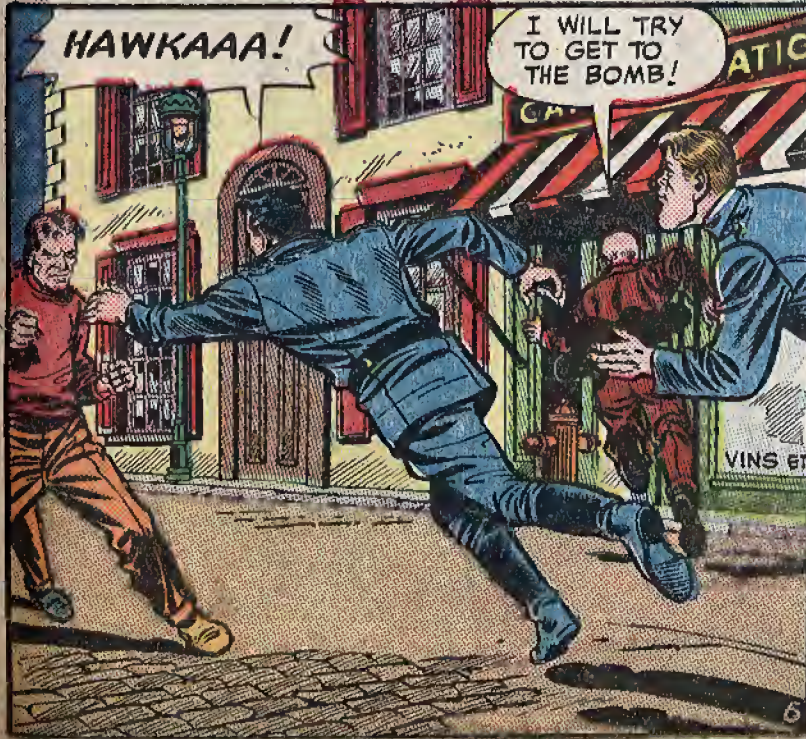


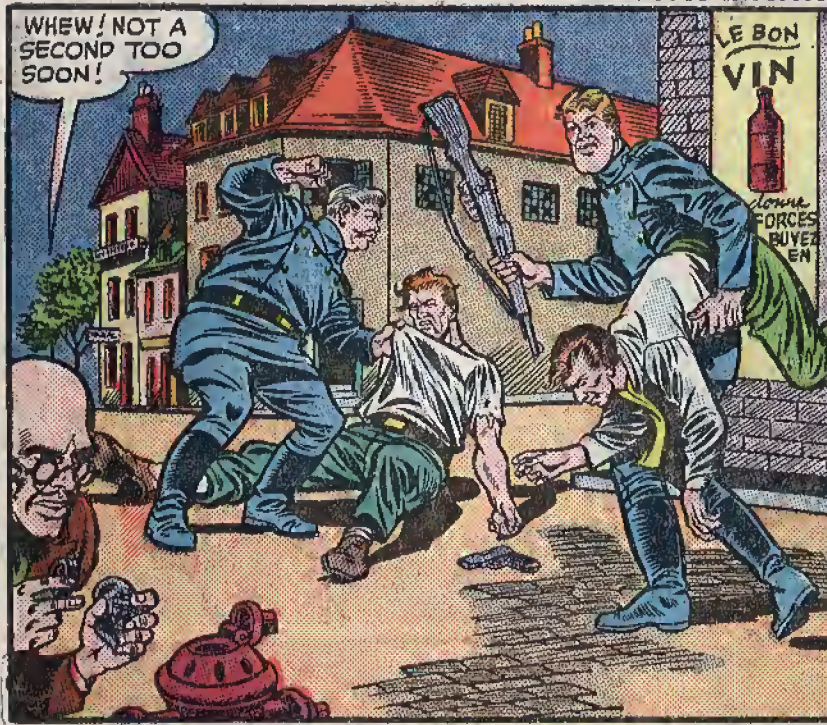
HAWKAAA!

I WILL TRY TO GET TO THE BOMB!

KEEP THEM AWAY FROM TRAWN! EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

OH, GOLLIES! ME NOT LIKE IDEA OF BEING BLOWN TO SMITHELEENS!



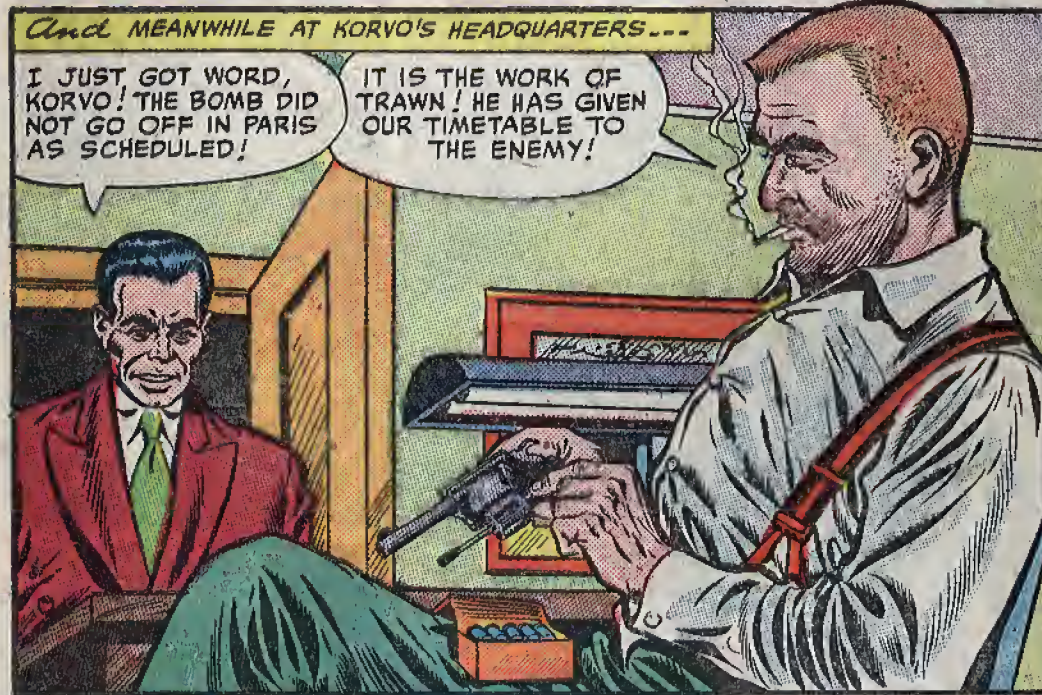


WHEW! NOT A SECOND TOO SOON!



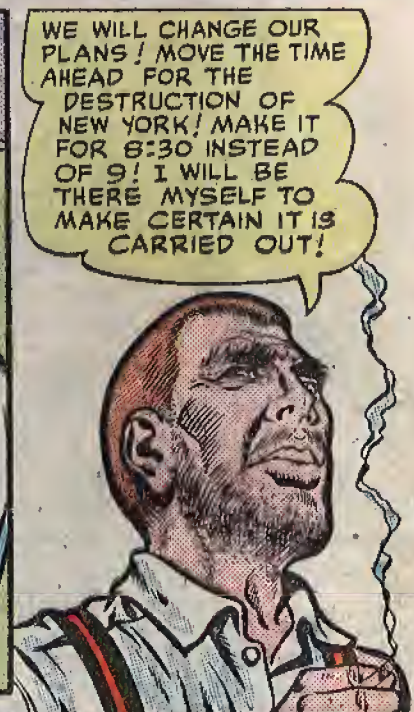
YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL THAT WE SAVED YOU FROM BEING BLOWN TO BITS!

WELL, TRAWN, WE MADE IT! OUR NEXT STOP IS NEW YORK, EH?



I JUST GOT WORD, KORVO! THE BOMB DID NOT GO OFF IN PARIS AS SCHEDULED!

IT IS THE WORK OF TRAWN! HE HAS GIVEN OUR TIMETABLE TO THE ENEMY!



WE WILL CHANGE OUR PLANS! MOVE THE TIME AHEAD FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF NEW YORK! MAKE IT FOR 8:30 INSTEAD OF 9! I WILL BE THERE MYSELF TO MAKE CERTAIN IT IS CARRIED OUT!



I GUESS WE CAN MAKE IT EASY! WE'LL GET TO NEW YORK IN PLENTY OF TIME!

OH, WOBBLY WOES! ME HAVE BIG ACHING IN MIDDLE!



WHAT'S THE TROUBLE, CHOP CHOP?

OH, GOLLIES! ME HOPE IT NOT BE APPENDICITIS!



FULL SPEED AHEAD, MEN! WE'VE GOT TO BREAK ALL FLYING RECORDS! WE NEED TO GET CHOP TO A HOSPITAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

BLACKHAWK



BOY, THAT WAS REALLY FLYING! IT'S ONLY 8:15!

AND IT WAS A FALSE ALARM! CHOP IS FEELING OKAY NOW!



THE BOMB IS PLANTED NEAR HERE! LET'S TAKE CARE OF IT! IT'S IN ONE OF THE HANGARS!



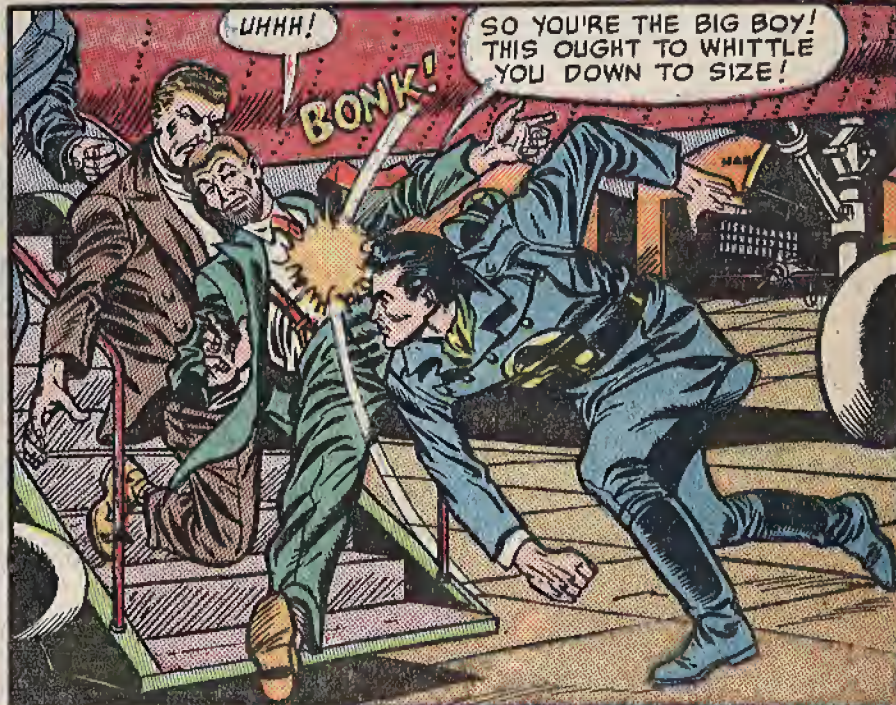
WAIT A MINUTE, BLACKHAWK! THAT'S KORVO, THE MAN WHO PLANNED THE TIME-TABLE OF TERROR! HE'S GETTING AWAY!

NOT IF I HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT!



KORVO'S IN A BIG HURRY TO LEAVE! I'D BETTER GET TO THAT BOMB!

MOW THESE MEN DOWN! WE HAVE TO LEAVE AT ONCE!



UHHH!

BONK!

SO YOU'RE THE BIG BOY! THIS OUGHT TO WHITTLE YOU DOWN TO SIZE!



I'VE TAKEN CARE OF THE BOMB...AND A GOOD THING, TOO! IT WAS RIGGED TO GO OFF SOONER THAN I EXPECTED!

TRAWN, YOU'RE QUITE A GUY! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH KORVO!



BLACKHAWK, WORKING WITH YOU HAS MADE ME REALIZE THAT FROM HERE ON OUT I WANT TO BE ON YOUR TEAM!

SURE THING, TRAWN! YOU'VE REALLY EARNED IT!

THE ISLE OF NO RETURN

FOG hung over the small atoll of Balu like a great gray shroud! From where Jim Baker stood on a nearby island, he could barely make out its location by a few jagged rocks that cut through the mist!

"It's a good day to go over," he said to his two companions, Al Harvey and Lou Gates! "Maybe we can sneak up without being seen!"

"I do not like for you to make this dangerous mission," warned old Kapoa, a native Chief! "It means death! No one who goes there now ever returns!"

"That's why we're here," explained Baker. "To solve the mystery of the missing persons! A few ships have disappeared around here, too!"

"But when we radio the lighthouse keeper," Harvey added, "he always says everything's okay!"

The three Government inspectors took off in small boats believing that by approaching the island by the back door, so to speak, they would stand a better chance of arriving unnoticed! There most certainly was some evil force at work on Balu, for word had come from several neighboring islands of natives who had gone there and never come back! Baker and his men didn't know what to expect but they were armed to the hilt and prepared, they thought, for any emergency!

They were wrong! No sooner had they slid their boats into a small cove and stepped onto land than a net dropped down upon them and they were jerked off their feet and trapped like animals! A half dozen burly giants of men closed in upon them and carried them like a cradle on poles over their shoulders! The three men were in a tangle and helpless to reach for their firearms and when they were finally released on the other side of the island, they were surrounded by villains of various unholy descriptions who kept them covered while they were frisked of everything they carried including part of their clothes!

A small, ratty looking man with a crooked smile and a droopy eye stepped from a thatched hut and walked toward them! "I'm Squint Garmon," he informed them with a lopsided grin! "I'm the boss here!"

"Squint Garmon?" echoed Baker, staring! "You're the escaped convict with ten grand on your head!"

"That's right! But you won't collect! Nobody who comes here ever returns to talk! Too bad you guys got so snoopy!"

The men were given an ultimatum, either to

work with the rest of the slave labor or be tossed from the cliff to certain death on the rocks below!

"We have no choice," said Baker! "We'll work!" And when they were being marched into place to take part in the enforced drudgery, he whispered low to his companions, "Go along for a few days! Find out what you can!"

Jim had never worked so hard in his life as he did after that! Being an expert swimmer and diver, his job was to go down to the sunken ships and bring up cargo! Rows of men, under merciless armed guards, served as lifts to pass the heavy loads from one to the other up from the sea!

"Like a chain gang," thought Jim, "but at least I've found out what's going on here and what happened to the ships and their crews and the natives who disappeared! The next thing is to find a way to set them free, and me too!"

It took a few days to hit upon a plan! He found a large, sharp clam shell and hid it where it would be easily accessible! Then, when he came upon a cargo carton of soft wood, he carved across the top: REVOLT AT SIGNAL! As he delivered the box to the first man in line, he pointed to the inscription! And all the way up the steep precipice, others did the same! The guards didn't see them! And some men, when they could, armed themselves with stones! Others clenched their fists, ready for the foray!

They were all together, being herded to the barbed wire enclosure where they spent their nights, when a shout rang out! "Let's go!" It was Baker! The guards were outnumbered and rocks and fists flew fast! Some men fell in the effort to escape but the rebellion ended in success! The last to be encountered was Boss Garmon, himself, and Jim Baker found him cowardly and cringing when he had no henchmen to fight his battles!

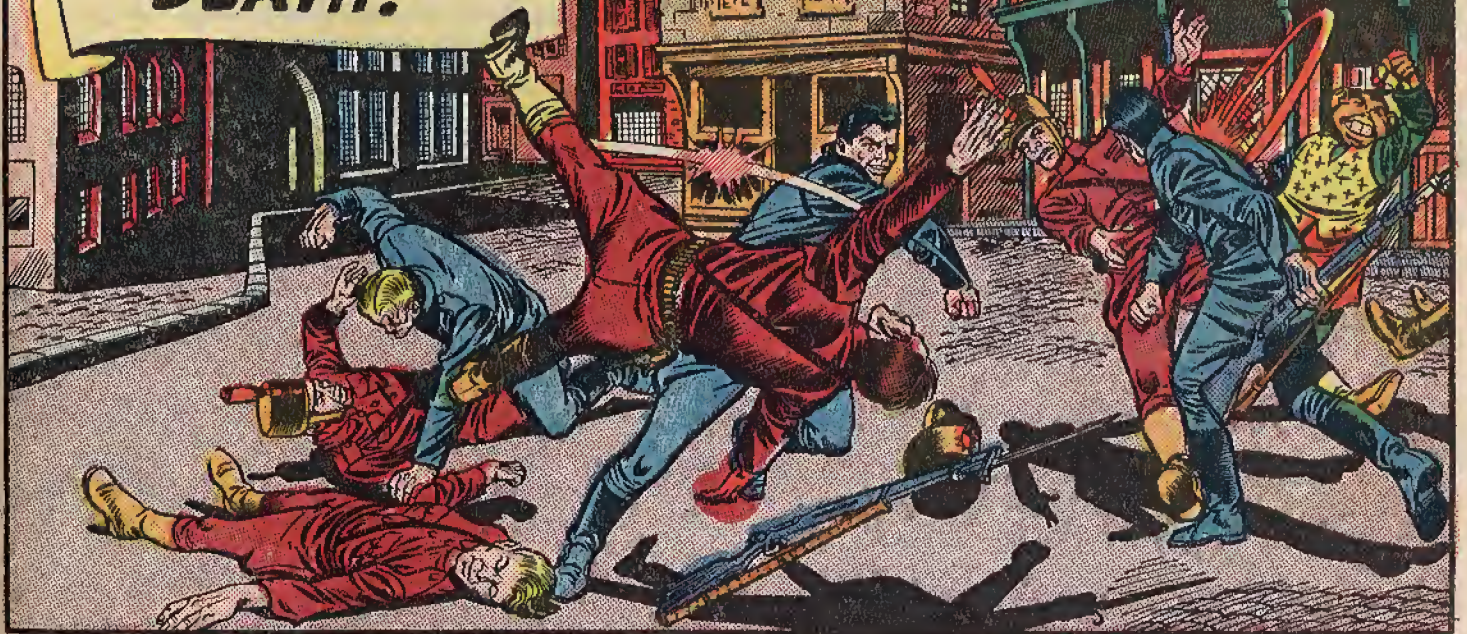
After all the culprits were securely bound, Jim inspected the lighthouse! He found the old keeper, locked in a room, a victim of the vicious pirates! He had been forced to report no trouble while Garmon and his men had caused shipwrecks with a misplaced beacon and shanghaied men into slavery!

"One of the rottenest schemes I ever heard of," said Baker to Harvey and Gates after everything was under control! "But Balu will no longer be the isle of no return! And one thing's certain—there'll be no returning from where Squint Garmon and his gang are going!"

Blackhawk

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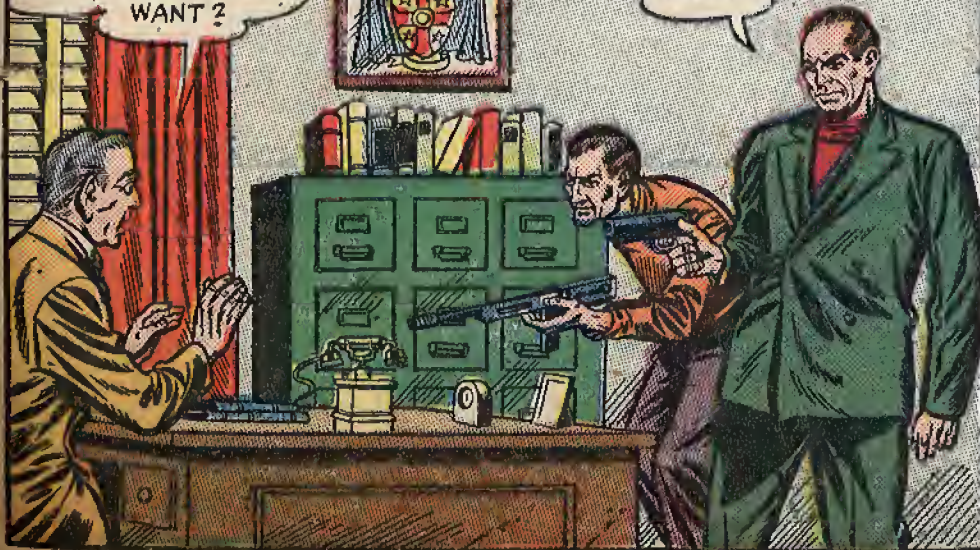


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GET UP AGAINST THE WALL AND DON'T TRY TO CALL FOR HELP!

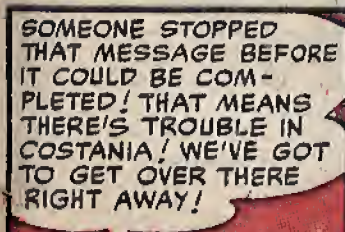
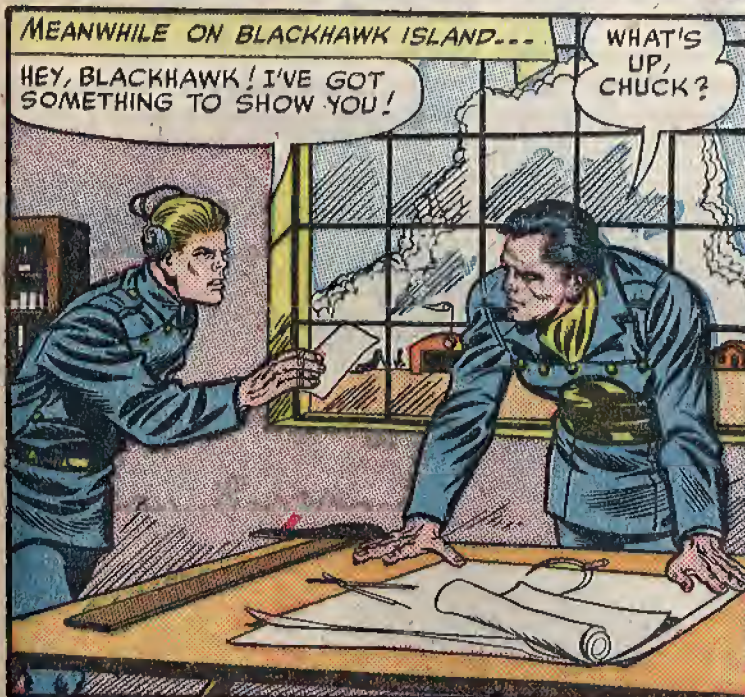


HOW DID YOU GET PAST THE POLICE GUARD?

IT WAS A SIMPLE MATTER! THE POLICE ARE ON OUR SIDE NOW!

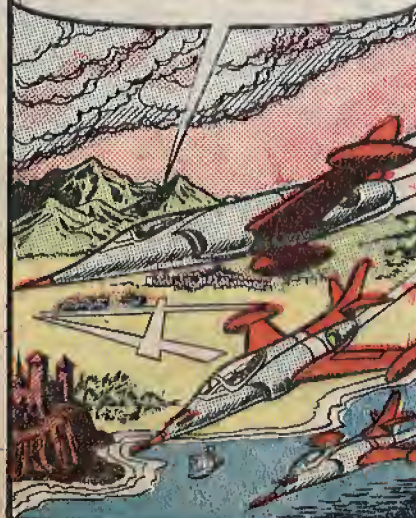




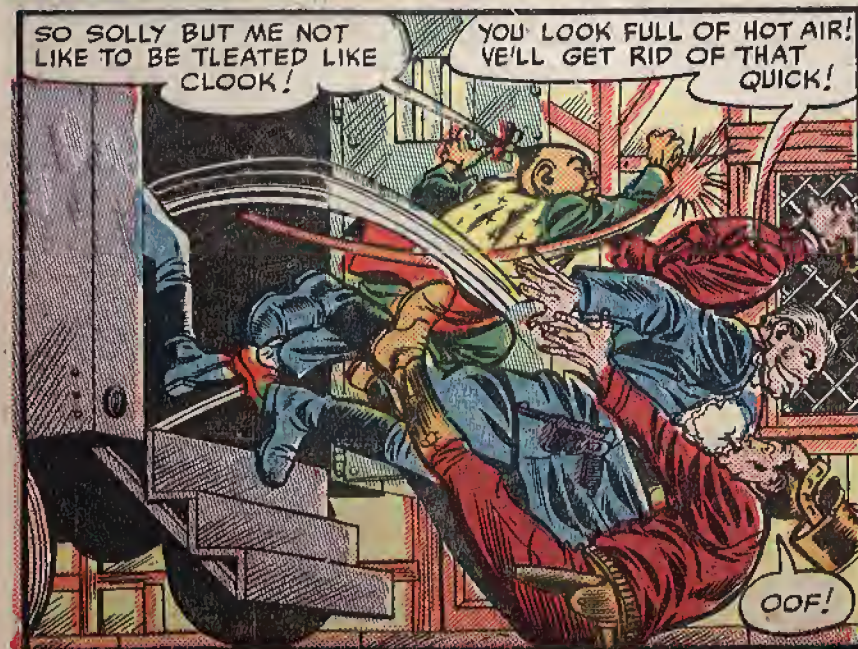
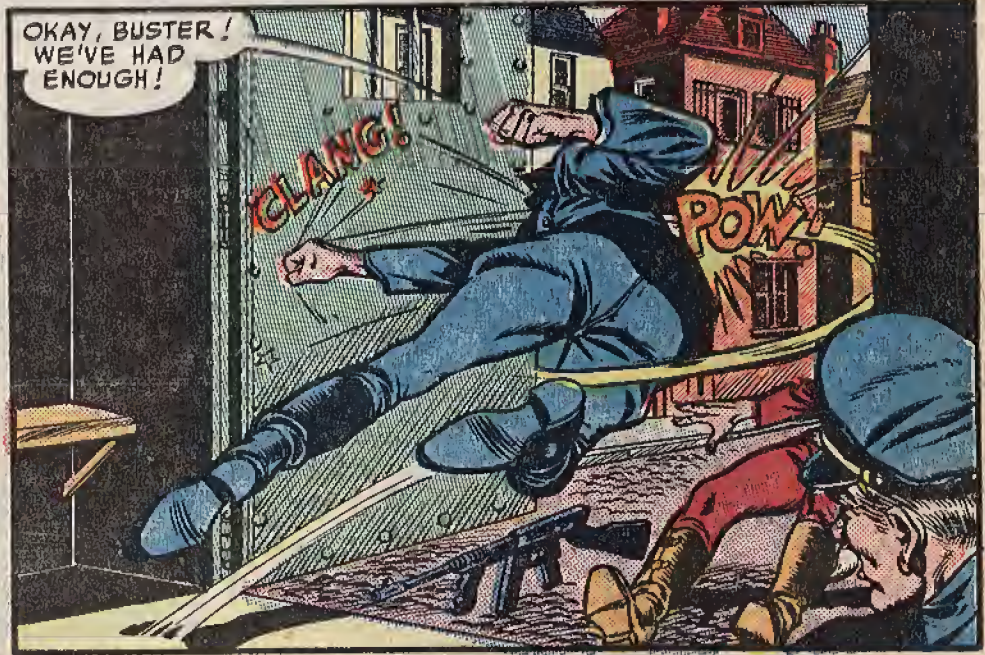


THE BLACKHAWK JETS ZOOM TOWARD COSTANIA...

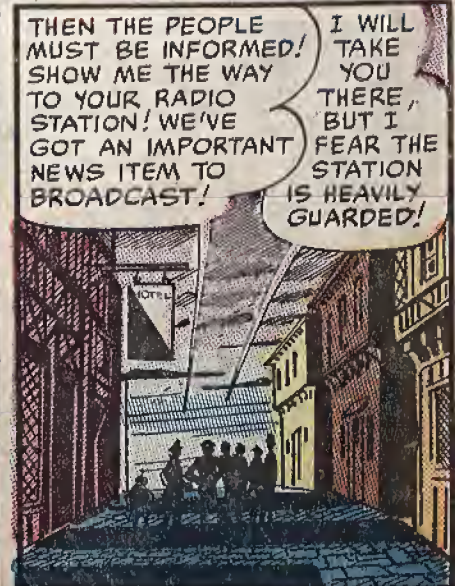
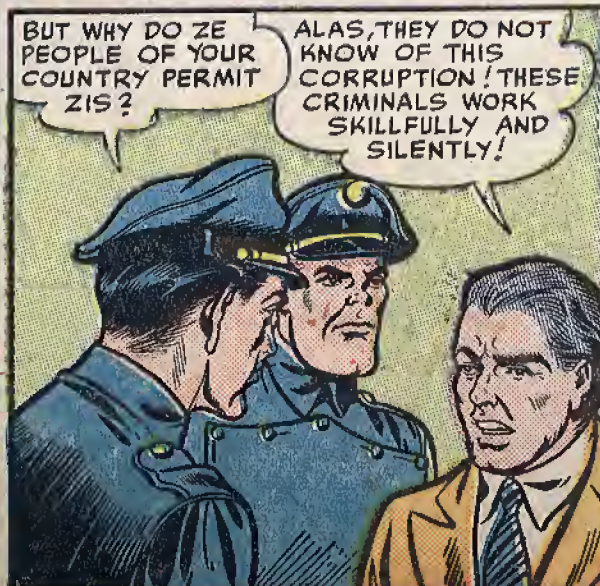
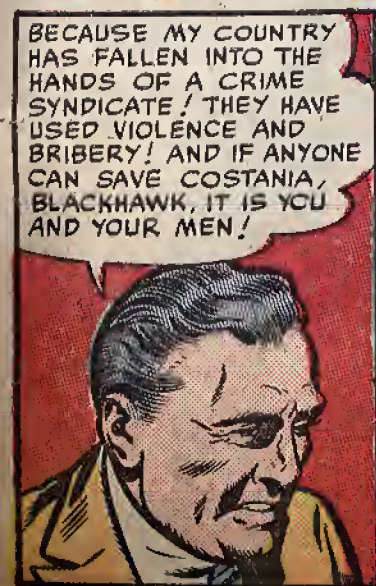
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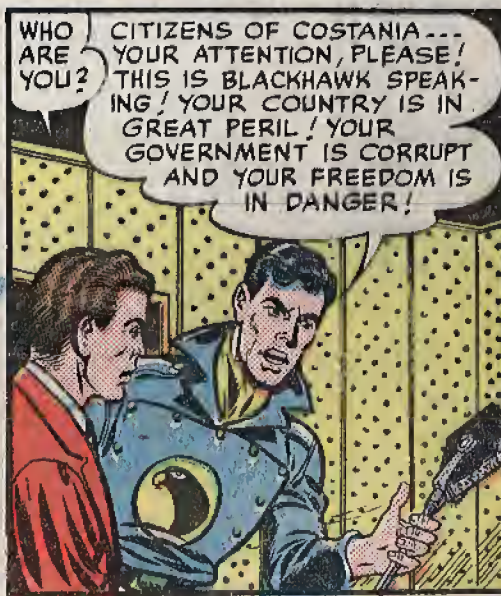
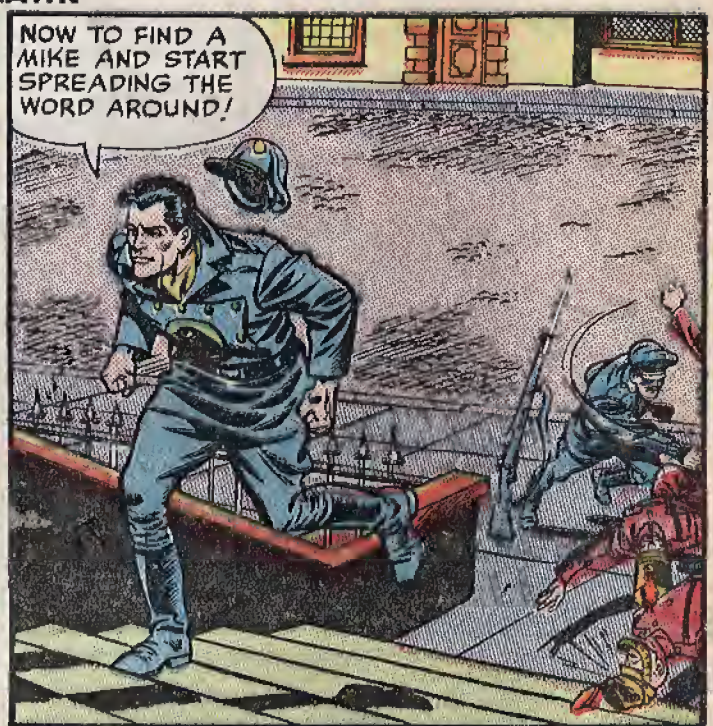


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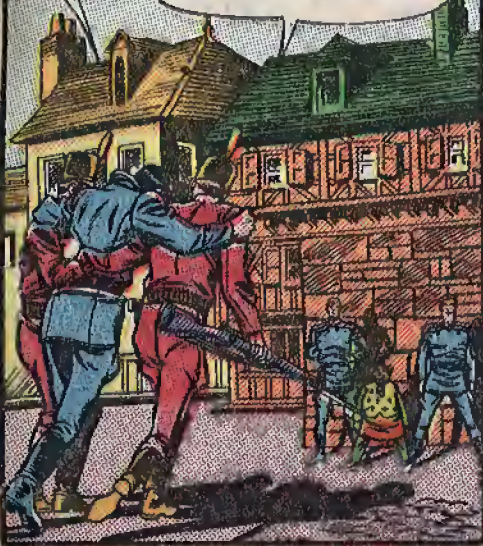


BLACKHAWK

And a few minutes later...

WHAT HAPPENED?

THE FIRING SQUAD IS WAITING FOR YOU, BLACKHAWK!



ALAS, MON AMI! WE FOUGHT VALIANTLY BUT WE WERE OUT-NUMBERED! WE THOUGHT PERHAPS THAT YOU HAD ESCAPED... BUT NOW ---

COURAGE, ANDRE! DON'T GIVE UP YET!

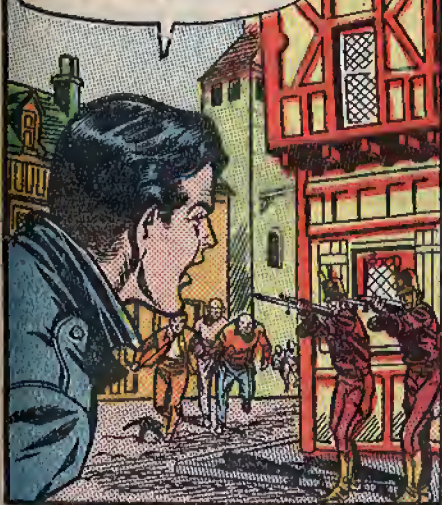


READY.. AIM..



IT'S THE PEOPLE! THEY'RE TAKING MATTERS IN THEIR OWN HANDS AT LAST! LET'S JOIN THEM!

HAWKAAA!



THOUGHT YOU COULD USE US FOR TARGET PRACTICE, EH?



SO YOU'RE THE HEAD OF THE SYNDICATE --- IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU WERE FLAT ON YOUR FACE!

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HIT A COP! BUT YOU'RE NOT A COP --- YOU'RE A TRAITOR!



AND LATER ---

THANKS TO YOU, BLACKHAWK, THE SYNDICATE HAS BEEN DEFEATED! IN GRATITUDE FOR CLEARING CORRUPTION FROM OUR COUNTRY, WE OFFER YOU CITIZENSHIP IN COSTANIA!

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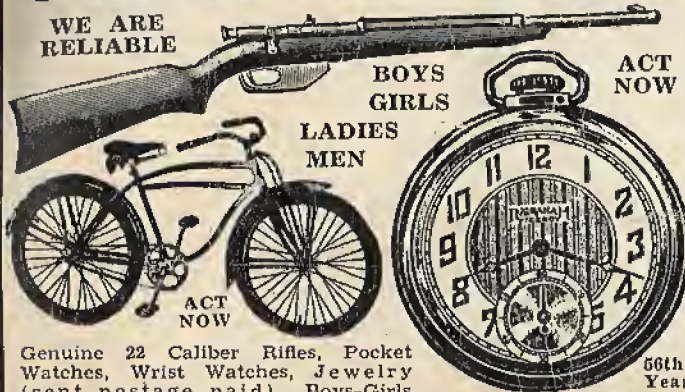
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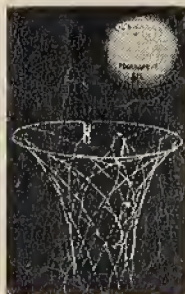
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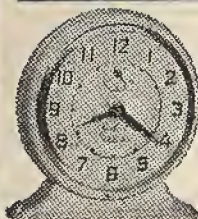
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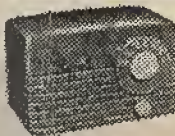
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